STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 15

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS: The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW ¼ NE ¼) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE ¼ NW ¼), of Section Nineteen (19), Township One Hundred Twenty-five (125) North, Range Twenty-nine (29) West.

AND, WHEREAS, such lands contain an undisturbed maple basswood forest community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, and the habitat supporting the following rare, endangered or restricted plants and animals; Panas quinquefolius ginseng and Accipiter cooperi Coopers hawk, within the Blue Hills Landscape Region.

AND, WHEREAS, the most effective means by which said lands can be used and protected for educational and research purposes in such manner, and by such means as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Alexander, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, down hereby designate the above described lands as Partch Woods Scientific and Natural Area, so long as such lands or any part thereof remain under lease by the Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, Partch Woods Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limiting programs conducted by qualified scientists and graduate and post-graduate students, programs for primary, secondary, and college undergraduate students, and interpretive programs for the benefit of the general public.

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JOSEPH ALEXANDER, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

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