A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for an annual allocation of 75 percent of the revenue derived from the state sales and use tax with respect to the sale of outdoor recreation equipment to a trust fund to be used for the protection and preservation of conservation land; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(p) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for an amount equal to 75 percent of all moneys received by the state from the sales and use tax applied to the sale of outdoor recreation equipment in the immediately preceding fiscal year to be paid into and dedicated to a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund for the purpose of protecting and preserving conservation land. The revenues dedicated pursuant to this subparagraph shall not lapse, the provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c) to the contrary notwithstanding, and such revenues shall not be subject to the limitations of subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph or Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II(a)."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:
Without increasing taxes, shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect lands that preserve drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitat, and state and local parks; and to provide opportunities for our children and families to play and enjoy the outdoors, by dedicating, subject to full public disclosure, 75% of the existing sales tax on outdoor recreation equipment to such purposes without increasing the current state sales tax rate?"

All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall become a part of the Constitution of this state.