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Dear Friends of Echo Lake,

I would like to congratulate the shoreland owners and community along Echo Lake in Charleston, Vermont for earning the Agency of Natural Resources' Gold Lake Award. **You are the first recipient of this award** recognizing the participation of more than 15 percent of shoreland owners in the Vermont Lakewise Program, which works with shoreland owners to implement voluntary measures to reduce stormwater runoff and implement wildlife habitat practices to enhance and protect the lake.

Across Vermont, landowners and conservation groups, individuals and families, contractors, designers and businesses, regional and state agencies, and many others are partnering to enhance shorelands and improve water quality. Your achievement at Echo Lake brings great hope and inspiration. Your exemplary participation is greatly admired and appreciated by the Agency of Natural Resources leadership team, the Vermont Lakewise program staff, and all Vermonters who value our lakes and ponds.

I am excited to recognize and honor the achievement of the Echo Lake shoreland stewards who have helped to earn the **Gold Lake Award for the Friends of Echo Lake**, and I look forward to supporting on-going, voluntary efforts to sustain and advance the outstanding lake-friendly practices you exhibit.

In solidarity for clean lakes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia S. Moore".

Julia S. Moore, P.E.
Secretary