**A METHOD OF REPLACING THE SKY IN A PICTURE**

**Open Photoshop**

Open the picture in which you want to change the sky.

Open your sky picture and minimize it.

**Now work on your main picture.**

Double click on the background in the layers palate and click OK.

We now have Layer 0.

Select the Quick selection tool if you have Photoshop CS3 or Elements 6. Otherwise use the Magic Wand tool and select the sky. Add to or subtract from the selection as required.

Now choose Select > Modify > Feather from the menu and enter value of 0.5 pixels.

This will soften the edge of your selection.

Go to Edit and click on Cut.

**Now open your sky picture.**

Use the Marquee tool and mark out the area of sky which you wish to use.

Go to Edit > and click on Copy; then minimize the sky picture.

**Now go back to your main picture.**

Go to Edit > and click Paste. Do not worry if your sky does not cover the area.

Go to Edit > Free Transform & click on.

Stretch the selection to the necessary size and position.

Now click apply or the tick in the tool bar above.

The layers now have to be re-arranged.

In the Layers Palate drag Layer 1 below Layer 0.

Now click on Layers > Flatten Image

Your picture should now be complete. Go to File > Save As . “new title”

Open the sky picture, Deselect and Close but do **not** save the changes..

If the Title bar is not above your pictures, Click key F three times.

If the Layers Palate is not present, go to Window > Layers and click.

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