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*In Appreciation of*  
*The FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE*  
*CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

**WHEREAS**, the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies was held on October 19-22, 2014, at the Hilton Sandestin Resort in Destin, Florida – *The Sunshine State*; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Nick Wiley, Executive Director of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and his talented staff have planned and provided an excellent conference setting and opportunity for the exchange of important information among attendees and a thought provoking conference centered on the theme “*Conservation: Managing for Resilience and Adaptability*”; and

**WHEREAS**, this 68th Annual Conference of the SEAFWA directors has facilitated abundant discussions, both informal and formal, regarding wildlife resource management and the challenges for the sustained success of those renewable resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the great State of Florida –*The Sunshine State* – is home of sun soaked beaches, crystal springs and the Florida Everglades - the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States - internationally known for its extraordinary wildlife including the endangered Florida panther, the American alligator, feral hogs, white-tailed deer, the Osceola wild turkey and a unique suite of avian species including wading and shore birds; where John Glenn became the first American in orbit blasting off from Cape Canaveral in 1962; where Saint Augustine is the oldest European settlement in North America; where the largest lake in Florida is Lake Okeechobee; where Florida is synonymous with huge Largemouth Bass - the designated state freshwater fish and the home of the diminutive Key deer.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies expresses its sincere gratitude and warmest appreciation to the great State of Florida -*The Sunshine State* - and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for hosting an outstanding 2014 Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Fall Conference.

**ADOPTED** by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in official session in Destin, Florida, Hilton Sandestin Resort on October 21, 2014.

