



IN APPRECIATION OF

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

WHEREAS, the 69th Annual Conference of the Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) was held on November 1-4, at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel, in Asheville, North Carolina, *The Tar Heel State*; and,

WHEREAS, Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and his talented staff have planned and provided an excellent opportunity for the exchange of important information among attendees and stimulating discussions of items of mutual concern and interest; and

WHEREAS, this 69th 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, our gracious hosts in North Carolina, *The Tar Heel State*, have provided an excellent location in Asheville, the "Paris of the Southeast" and where the State Fish is the Channel Bass, the State Frog is the Pine Barrens Treefrog, the State Reptile is the Eastern Box Turtle, and the State Mammal is the Gray Squirrel; and

WHEREAS, the Great State of North Carolina - *The Tar Heel State* and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, serving as our gracious hosts, and home to three United States Presidents-Andrew Johnson-James Polk-Andrew Jackson; Andy Griffith-actor, singer, director; John Coltrane-jazz musician; David Brinkley-television newscaster and ABC Host; Dale Earnhardt Sr.-renowned NASCAR driver; Joe Gibbs-Hall of Fame head coach for the Washington Redskins; Billy Graham-world-renowned evangelist and unofficial religious advisor to U.S. Presidents; Michael Jordan-retired basketball player and former University of NC player and winner of six NBA championships and a double Olympic gold medalist; has provided a quality meeting setting giving us an opportunity for a well balanced exchange of ideas and information of significant benefit as we focus on our conference theme: "***Conserving Large Landscapes***".

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 North Carolina, *The Tar Heel State*, and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for hosting an outstanding 69th Annual Conference.

ADOPTED by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in official session at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel, Asheville, North Carolina, *The Tarheel State*, on November 3, 2015.