



Retirement Resolution Honoring *Ross Melinchuk*

Whereas, we honor and celebrate the commitment, dedication and leadership, of Ross Melinchuk as he retires from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department after more than 30 years in the natural resources field, and

Whereas, Ross Melinchuk has accepted the position of Vice President of Conservation with the National Wild Turkey Federation, and

Whereas, we express our gratitude for his immeasurable contributions serving as a Wildlife Biologist, Big Game Biologist, and NAWMP Coordinator in Saskatchewan; serving as NAWMP Coordinator for the International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies in Washington, DC; serving Ducks Unlimited as NAWMP Coordinator-Memphis, Director of State and Federal Coordination and Director of Public Policy-Jackson, and

Whereas, Ross earned a Bachelor of Science with Honors in Wildlife Biology at the University of Guelph (U of G) Canada - *'To learn the reasons of realities'* , and a Master's of Science at Lakehead University, Canada - *Through Trials to Triumph*, and

Whereas, he has coauthored numerous articles including Ducks Unlimited's Landscape Approach to Habitat Conservation, Waterfowl and Wetlands, Body Condition of Grey Partridge During Fall and Winter in Saskatchewan, Prairie Pothole Project-Phases I and II, as well as Fall Migration Routes and Survival of Ross' Geese, and

Whereas, Ross Melinchuk is the recipient of the *R. Webster Fellowship Award* given by Delta Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Station and the *Resource Management Conservation Award* given by the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, and

Whereas, Ross Melinchuk has expressed his *"honor and pleasure to have been a part of SEAFWA over the past couple of decades"* and he looks forward to working with everyone through the coming years.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies expresses its sincere congratulations to Ross Melinchuk for his years of service to resource management and for his professional and dedicated service to the public that continues to be a hallmark of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies organization.

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