



IN APPRECIATION of the

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

WHEREAS, the 2018 Spring Director's Meeting of the Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) was held on February 21-23, 2018 at the historic Dollarhide Hunting Club in Forkland, Alabama, *The Yellowhammer State*; and,

WHEREAS, Charles F. Sykes, Director of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division 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 2018 Spring Director's Meeting 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 Alabama, *The Yellowhammer State*, have provided an excellent meeting location at the Dollarhide Hunt Club-known for squirrel hunting, which has endured for over 100 years and is located a few miles below Eutaw, in Greene County near the Tuscaloosa line, and located in the midst of pasture land and catfish ponds; where it runs east toward the Black Warrior River; and where its swamp contains a vast expanse of virgin hardwood timber; and,

WHEREAS, the Great State of Alabama - *The Yellowhammer State*, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, where the state bird is the Yellowhammer, the state freshwater fish is the Large Mouth Bass, the state game bird is the Wild Turkey, and where the state mammal is the American Black Bear; and serving as our gracious hosts, have provided for an Alabama squirrel hunt and gracious hospitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SEAFWA expresses its sincere gratitude and warmest appreciation to the Great State of Alabama, *The Yellowhammer State*, and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for hosting an outstanding 2018 SEAFWA Spring Director's Meeting.

ADOPTED by SEAFWA in official session at the historic Dollarhide Hunting Club in Forkland, Alabama, *The Yellowhammer State*, on February 23, 2018.