



Resolution Honoring

Nick Wiley

Whereas, we honor and celebrate the commitment, dedication and leadership, of Nick Wiley as he retires from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) after over 31 years of professional experience serving the public in the field of fish and wildlife conservation, and

Whereas, Nick Wiley has extensive experience leading teams and building consensus, developing innovative solutions that have moved conservation initiatives forward, and who has accepted a position as Chief Conservation Officer with the Ducks Unlimited Organization, and

Whereas, Nick earned a Bachelor of Science from Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia where the school mascot is 'Freedom' the bald eagle and where he earned a Master's of Science from Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama – "*For the Advancement of Science and Arts*" where his Master's Thesis was entitled Survival of American Woodcock Chicks in Alabama, and

Whereas, in his professional life, Nick aka '*Captain Sunshine*' always emphasized a team approach to accomplishing goals, advocated for working closely with the public and stakeholders, dedicated his time and attention to managing imperiled species, focused on improving relationships and cooperative conservation efforts with Florida's private landowners, and

Whereas, we express our gratitude for his immeasurable contributions serving as a Wildlife Biologist-Anniston, Alabama; Wildlife Resources Biologist-Lakeland, Florida; Section Leader in Small Game Management for FWC-Tallahassee; Bureau Chief for Wildlife Management FWC-Tallahassee; Director, Division of Hunting and Game Management FWC-Tallahassee; and Assistant Executive Director and Executive Director of the FWC-Tallahassee for a decade, and

Whereas, he has worked in many programs including alligator, waterfowl and small game management; private lands technical assistance, public conservation lands management and played a key role in designing and implementing Florida's comprehensive alligator management program and popular alligator hunting opportunities, and

Whereas, Nick is a Fellow of the National Conservation Leadership Institute and a Professional Member of the Boone and Crockett Club, and

Whereas, Nick grew up in rural south Georgia in the small town of Hoboken near the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, which had a profound influence on his interest in pursuing a career in the outdoors; where his grandfather taught him to love hunting and fishing; where he hand-picked tobacco during the summers and where he worked with the US Youth Conservation Corp building and maintaining trails in that beloved refuge, and

Whereas, Nick Wiley enjoys spending time with his family-wife Evelyn and boys Duncan and Brooks, and enjoys hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, camping, boating, biking, golf and tennis.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) expresses its sincere congratulations to Nick Wiley for his years of service, efficient and effective development of wildlife resources and for his dedication and professionalism in serving the public – a true quality of the SEAFWA organization.

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