



IN APPRECIATION OF

The Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources

WHEREAS, the 71st Annual Conference of the Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) was held on October 29-November 1, 2017 at the Galt House Hotel in the Heart of Louisville, Kentucky, *The Bluegrass State*; and,

WHEREAS, Greg Johnson, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources 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 71st 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 Kentucky, *The Bluegrass State*, have provided an excellent meeting location in the City of Louisville, and a tour of Churchill Downs "**Home of the Kentucky Derby**" and where the State Bird is the Cardinal, the State Horse is the Thoroughbred, the State Wild Animal is the Gray Squirrel, the State Fish is the Kentucky Spotted Bass, and the State Music is Bluegrass; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky - *The Bluegrass State*; and the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, serving as our gracious hosts, is home of Mammoth Cave-the world's longest cave at 82.6 square miles, home of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, Frontier Scout Kit Carson, Train Engineer Casey Jones, and 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: "**Creative Conservation Strategies for 21st Century Challenges.**"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies expresses its sincere gratitude and warmest appreciation to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, *The Bluegrass State*; and the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources for hosting an outstanding 71st Annual Conference.

ADOPTED by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in official session at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, *The Bluegrass State* on October 30, 2017.

MR. PRESIDENT, on behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I move the Adoption of this Resolution.

