



IN APPRECIATION of the Alabama
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,
Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division

WHEREAS, the 2018 annual conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies was held on Sunday, October 21 - Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile, Alabama, *The Port City*; and,

WHEREAS, the annual conference of over 500 representatives from state and federal agencies, organizations, universities and private wildlife research groups, scientists and enforcement personnel, is a forum for the exchange of ideas and critical information regarding the management and protection of fish and wildlife resources primarily in the southeast and where abundant discussions, both informal and formal, regarding wildlife resource management and challenges for the sustained success of renewable resources is discussed; and

WHEREAS, our gracious hosts in Mobile, Alabama *The Port City*, have provided an excellent meeting location at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel and where five members of the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame are from Mobile-including Hank Aaron; and where Mobile is the largest municipality on the Gulf Coast; and where Mobile was established in 1702 by the French; and where Mobile is home to several art museums, a professional opera and ballet company, as well as a symphony orchestra; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mobile - *The Port City*, and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, where ***The Mobile Press-Register***-Alabama's oldest active newspaper-was founded in 1813; where Mobile is home to the first ever Mardi Gras Celebration in 1703; where Mobile is famous for Azalea flowers that arrived from France in 1754; and serving as our gracious hosts, have provided a unique opportunity to participate in a Red Snapper Research project which includes data collection on catch per unit of effort as well as biological samples in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division and the University of South Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division - Charles F. Sykes - and his talented staff have planned and provided an excellent opportunity for the exchange of important information among attendees and stimulating discussion of items of mutual concern and interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SEAFWA expresses its sincere gratitude and warmest appreciation to the City of Mobile, *The Port City*, and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division for hosting an outstanding 2018 SEAFWA 72nd Annual Fall Conference.

ADOPTED by SEAFWA in official session at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama, *The Port City*, on October 23, 2018.