



IN APPRECIATION of the
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

WHEREAS, the 2019 annual conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies was held on Sunday, October 27 to Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the annual conference of more than 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 have provided an excellent meeting location at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort in Hilton Head Island, S.C. which is named after Captain William Hilton, who in 1663 identified a headland near the entrance to Port Royal Sound, which mapmakers named "Hilton's Headland," and the town was incorporated as a municipality in 1983 and is well known for its eco-friendly development, as the town's Natural Resources Division enforces the Land Management Ordinance which minimizes the impact of development and governs the style of buildings and how they are situated amongst existing trees; as a result, Hilton Head Island enjoys an unusual amount of tree cover relative to the amount of development; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Hilton Head, whose population is approximately 39,000 with a median age of 46; encompasses 42 square miles of semi-tropical landscape and is 5-miles wide island AND has beaches that stretch up to 12 miles, where the average daytime temperature is a mild 70 degrees, Hilton Head Island provides more than 50 miles of public pathways and nature trails, 24 on-island championship golf courses, where more than one million rounds of golf are played annually and the island has been known as the tennis capital of the world where there are more courts per capita in Hilton Head Island than anywhere else; and,

WHEREAS, the SCDNR, has provided a unique opportunity to enjoy exquisite dining and experience the coastal resources of South Carolina's storied Lowcountry as we watched the waves while listening to the Embers; and

WHEREAS, SCDNR Interim Director Robert Boyles and his talented staff have provided an excellent opportunity for the exchange of important information among attendees and stimulating discussion of items of mutual concern and interest where we might connect our passion and purpose as we recharge ourselves to boldly embrace opportunities to build on a solid history of conservation success; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SEAFWA expresses its sincere gratitude and warmest appreciation to the City of Hilton Head, and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for hosting an outstanding 2019 SEAFWA 73rd Annual Fall Conference.

ADOPTED by SEAFWA in official session at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, on October 29, 2019.