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**RECOGNIZING THE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE DISEASE STUDY**

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS) was founded in 1957 by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies as the first regional diagnostic and research center created specifically for the investigation of diseases in wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the novel, collaborative, multi-state structure of SCWDS has consistently provided exemplary service, ranging from the investigation of wildlife morbidity and mortality events to expert testimony in legislative and judicial proceedings on issues often of a highly public and controversial nature; and

WHEREAS, SCWDS has conducted scientifically sound research on diseases and parasites of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, SCWDS has provided wildlife health workshops and other in-depth training for wildlife managers and other employees with state, federal, and non-governmental wildlife management organizations throughout the Southeast and the nation; and

WHEREAS, SCWDS places a high value on education, as witnessed by the early establishment of a graduate degree program, whereby since 1964, SCWDS graduate students have earned 39 M.S. Degrees and 24 PhD degrees; and

WHEREAS, additional SCWDS efforts in education have included instruction of graduate level courses on wildlife diseases for more than 40 years to hundreds of wildlife and veterinary students, many of whom have been employed by state and federal wildlife agencies and have held key leadership positions throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, SCWDS has published the books *Diseases and Parasites of White-tailed Deer* and *Field Manual of Wildlife Diseases in the Southeastern United States*, and SCWDS staff members have authored more than 450 articles in scientific journals and symposia proceedings, as well as numerous book chapters and popular articles on disease issues affecting wildlife; and

WHEREAS, SCWDS is highly regarded regionally, nationally, and internationally for its expertise in wildlife health issues and disease interactions between wildlife, domestic animals, and humans; and

WHEREAS, SCWDS has consistently promoted management of wildlife health issues as an essential component of the North American Model of Fish and Wildlife Conservation; and

WHEREAS, SCWDS represents a highly successful and enviable cooperative effort of the members of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes SCWDS for 50 years of exemplary service to wildlife managers, researchers, and administrators and commends SCWDS for its accomplishments, availability, professionalism, commitment and friendship.

Submitted by the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

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Louisville, Kentucky,