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on sound ethical, esthetic and ecological principles:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners honors his name and deeds with this memorial resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE PASSPORT

Whereas, the acceptance of the Golden Eagle Passport is a manifestation of the desire and willingness of outdoor recreationists to pay a major portion of the cost of outdoor recreation facilities; and

Whereas, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, financed in part by revenues from the Golden Eagle Passport, is an important stimulant to outdoor recreation development; and

Whereas, the Golden Eagle Passport embodies the basic principle of fairness in that a portion of the cost of developing outdoor recreation facilities is borne by those who use them; and

Whereas, the Golden Eagle Passport has become an identifying symbol to the public reminding the individual that the money he has spent is being used to develop outdoor recreation facilities; and

Whereas, the Golden Eagle Passport has served to make more Americans aware of their heritage in outdoor recreation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Congress of the United States and each individual Senator and Congressman to retain, protect and support the Golden Eagle Passport program.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICE

Whereas, the Library Reference Service was established at the urging of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners; and

Whereas, the U. S. Department of the Interior Library and the Denver Conservation Library Center are providing valuable reference service; and

Whereas, there is a continuing need for these libraries to collect, index, store, and make available for further use all research and development information resulting from Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson projects; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife contemplates an expanded Library Reference Service program to include all fish and wildlife literature:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners expresses appreciation for past support by the Department of the Interior and requests continued financial and other support of the Library Reference Program so that the Denver Conservation Library Center can continue and expand its valuable service.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

COMMENDATION TO THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Whereas, the National Rifle Association has, over the years, supported and defended the right of the people of America to lawfully own and use firearms; and

Whereas, it has provided effective and dynamic leadership in opposing legislation designed to restrict lawful ownership and use of sporting firearms by law-abiding citizens:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners commends the National Rifle Association for its continuing forceful and effective leadership in defending the rights of American sportsmen, and for its unswerving efforts in promoting enlightened firearms legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

PUBLIC LAND LAW REVIEW COMMISSION STUDIES - ALASKA

Whereas, the fish and wildlife resource of Alaska is one of the leading revenue producing resources of the State; and

Whereas, the Public Land Law Review Commission has with the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska jointly sponsored a study of Federal Public Land Laws and Policies in Alaska; and

Whereas, the study is designed to embrace the entire subject of the relationship of the public lands to the future economy of Alaska; and

Whereas, Alaska is the breeding area of a significant number of waterfowl which contribute to populations of several Flyways, and particularly the Pacific Flyway, and therefore is of concern to this Association; and

Whereas, a comprehensive study of land laws and policies in Alaska and their implications on fish and wildlife is imperative to recommendations for proper management of this important State resource:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners express to the Public Land Law Review Commission and to the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska the Association's concern that the fish and wildlife aspects of the Alaska study be comprehensively considered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Whereas, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners was one of the principal supporters of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act when the Act was passed in 1964; and

Whereas, this Association continues to stress the application of these funds to meaningful wildlife and outdoor recreation programs; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has announced new rulings which will have a crippling effect upon the states' administration of these funds; and

Whereas, there have been efforts in Congress during the last year to reduce the states' portion of this fund as set forth in the original Act:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners strongly urges Congress to maintain the pivotal position of the states in the administration of Land and Water Conservation funds, and to assure an appropriation of no less than 60% of the Land and Water Conservation Fund for allocation to the states in each fiscal year; and

Be it further resolved, that this Association request the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to rescind its policy wherein each state must spend two-thirds of its Land and Water Fund allocation for land acquisition; and

Be it further resolved, that this Association opposes the proposed apportionment formula whereby penalties will be invoked for slow obligation rates and delinquency in the preparation of state plans.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS

Whereas, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners support the philosophy of Multiple Use Management of public lands; and

Whereas, a change in the land status from National Forest to either Indian Trust or Indian Deed would remove these lands from public ownership and use, and therefore deprive the public of the resources thereon; and

Whereas, it is our belief that the religious needs of the Taos Pueblo Indians can be completely satisfied through the present Multiple Use Management Administrative Procedures of the Forest Service; and

Whereas, a transfer of lands from the National Forest system to either Indian Trust or Indian Deed status would establish a precedent that we believe would be used by many other Indian Tribes to gain control of ceremonial lands or to gain control of public lands for other purposes:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners strenuously opposes HR 3306, or other similar legislation, that would transfer 48,000 acres from the Carson National Forest in New Mexico to the Taos Pueblo Indian Tribe.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

APPRECIATION FOR ARIZONA HOSPITALITY

Whereas, the 58th Annual Conference of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners has been an outstanding success; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona, the City of Tucson, and Tucson Wildlife Unlimited, by their hospitality, contributed greatly to the success of this meeting:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation to Governor Jack Williams of the State of Arizona, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and Tucson Wildlife Unlimited for the excellent accommodations, activities and tours provided all in attendance at this convention.
