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WHEREAS, it remains for the Congress and the Administration through its Office of Management and Budget and the Congress to implement this program; and

WHEREAS, implementation of a realistic wildlife habitat management program would result in great tangible and intangible benefits to the American public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners again urges the Administration and the Congress to provide funds necessary to carry out the vital wildlife habitat management responsibilities of the U. S. Forest Service under the multiple-use concept and to support cooperative state-federal programs on national forest lands.

Resolution 8

WILD HORSE AND BURRO ACT

WHEREAS, P.L. 92-195 was enacted in 1971 to provide complete protection for wild horses and burros on public lands; and

WHEREAS, latest inventory data reveal an estimated 27,000 wild horses and 14,000 wild burros on lands administered by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, numbers are increasing at an annual rate of from 20 to 25 percent which will allow the population to double in less than four years; and

WHEREAS, damage to habitat of other wildlife is already occurring due to over-use by wild horses and burros; and

WHEREAS, management agencies do not have the necessary flexibility to maintain wild horse and burro numbers in balance with the carrying capacity of the range;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges Congress to authorize the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to sell, donate or otherwise remove federally owned excess horses or burros to be utilized as the recipient desires; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that use of aircraft and motorized vehicles be recognized as biologically acceptable and economically feasible means of herd management and that their responsible and monitored use be authorized for protection and management of wild horses and burros.

Resolution 9

LEAD SHOT

WHEREAS, lead poisoning of waterfowl, through shot ingestion, has been a major problem in some but not all areas of the United States; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been made to place a nationwide or flyway-wide ban on the use of lead shot either through federal legislation or administrative action of the Fish and Wildlife Service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses the concept that lead shot problems can best be resolved by Federal-State cooperation to address problem areas and that a nation-wide or flyway-wide prohibition of the use of lead shot is unnecessary and undesirable.

Resolution 10

APPRECIATION TO THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife Federation is generously providing office space