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APPRECIATIONS TO THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies was founded 100 years ago on July 20, 1902 at a meeting convened at Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone National Park; and

WHEREAS, the meeting was called and organized by W.F. Scott of Helena, Montana and included the charter states of Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, from a meeting of six states 100 years ago, an organization originally known as the *National Association of Game and Fish Wardens and Commissioners* has grown to represent and include all state fish and wildlife agencies and become international in scope; and

WHEREAS, the state of Montana organized the 1902 meeting and hosted the 2002 meeting of the organization now known as the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the state of Montana and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has caused us to reflect on the humble beginning of the greatest and most successful fish and wildlife management structure in the world; and

WHEREAS, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has assembled not just a meeting of wildlife resource leaders, but a meeting with a myriad of opportunities to appreciate and enjoy the plentiful fish and wildlife resources of this region; and

WHEREAS, Director Jeff Hagener and his capable staff have been courteous, helpful and creative in making possible this Centennial Celebration and annual meeting of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies extends its gratitude and thanks to the State of Montana and to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for making possible a fitting commemoration of our history and a memorable and productive meeting.