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**URGING COMMITMENT TO FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTING
COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STRATEGIES**

WHEREAS, the completion of 56 Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies (hereafter Strategies), by the states, territories, trusts, and District of Columbia (hereafter states), is an historic and monumental achievement; and

WHEREAS, the development of these strategies was enhanced and assisted by the efforts of many partner state and federal governments, particularly the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, conservation groups and other non-governmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, these strategies complement existing programs and can improve public support for professional wildlife management, foster new partnerships, and serve as a catalyst for additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (hereafter IAFWA) has assumed a leadership role in the development of these strategies and is committed to continuing its leadership to assist the states as they put these strategies into action; and

WHEREAS, the Teaming with Wildlife Committee is coordinating national and state initiatives focusing on public education and communication, coalition development, and strategy implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAFWA expresses appreciation to our conservation partners and all parties that were involved in the completion of the strategies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IAFWA calls on our conservation partners, including the US FWS, other state and federal agencies, conservation groups and other non-governmental organizations, to use the state wildlife strategies to guide the conservation of wildlife and habitats; and to join with us in a continued campaign to secure adequate and secure funding to implement the strategies.