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**Resolution 2006-01-03**

**RECOGNIZING THE 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program" (Partners Program) is a significant contributor to the restoration and maintenance of habitat on private lands essential to sustaining our Nation's fish and wildlife resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partners Program, since its inception in 1987, has supported the Service's mission to "work with others" in promoting and achieving shared stewardship of fish and wildlife resources on nearly 800,000 acres of wetlands, 2,000,000 acres of uplands, and 7,000 miles of riparian and stream habitats through nearly 40,000 partnership agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partners Program since its inception has worked in partnership with state agencies to achieve shared goals in habitat and fish and wildlife resource management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partners Program, as a matter of Service policy, will give priority consideration to State Wildlife Action Plans when directing its resources to on-the-ground habitat restoration activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Partners Program will achieve its 20th Anniversary in 2007;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes the valuable accomplishments of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program over the past 20 years and that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies reaffirms its support for the Partners Program to the Administration, the Congress, and the American people.