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APPRECIATION TO THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies convened its 105th Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, a beautiful desert city surrounded by four mountain ranges, the Santa Catalina, Santa Rita, Tucson and Rincon Mountains on September 13 -16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the amenities of the host city, its gracious citizens and particularly the Arizona Game and Fish Department's outstanding staff provided a wonderful atmosphere in which to conduct business, reconnect with colleagues and make new friends during the Welcome Reception held at Old Tucson, an old west town where the "Spirit of the Old West" came alive; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable biological diversity of the area, including that of the Sabino Canyon, located in the Coronado National Forest, home to the collared peccaries, tarantulas, white tail deer and rattlesnakes was a reminder of our mission to conserve fish and wildlife for the use and enjoyment of our all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has strong and deep roots in hunting and fishing where nearly half of the state of Arizona is open to the public, offering top hunting for classic Western big game species such as elk, mule deer, sheep and opportunities for fishing for the Apache Trout, the state fish; and

WHEREAS, Director Larry Voyles and his outstanding staff of the Arizona Game and Fish Department provided generously of their time, hospitality and support and were responsive to both the anticipated and unanticipated needs of the conference attendees with grace, patience and a lot of very good humor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Director Larry Voyles and his staff and the city of Tucson, Arizona, for their generous hospitality and outstanding support for a very successful 105th Annual Meeting.

***Adopted September 16, 2015
Tucson, Arizona***