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WHEREAS, these two Governments are allies in the great struggle now being waged to free the people of the world from the oppression of autocracy and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to utilize every natural resource to the fullest extent for the purpose of accomplishing these ends, and

WHEREAS, the food supply of the world is one of the most important factors in the present struggle, and

WHEREAS, our migratory birds constitute one of the greatest agencies in the conservation of the food supply of the world, both directly and indirectly,

1. Directly in that the migratory game birds furnish an important food supply for our people.

2. Indirectly, in that the migratory insectivorous birds make possible the growing crops, and

WHEREAS, conservation in all its phases is the important element necessary for the success of this great world-wide struggle for democracy.

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners in Convention assembled, that we urge upon Congress the early passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act as an important war measure, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association, and that the secretary send to each member of Congress, to the President of the United States, and to the Secretary of Agriculture, a copy of this resolution.

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this meeting that the hearty thanks and appreciation of this organization be extended to his Excellency, the Governor of Minnesota, and His Honor, the Mayor of Saint Paul, for their warm and courteous greeting and tender of the freedom of the State and City, during our stay here, and further

RESOLVED, That we here express our appreciation of the many courtesies extended to us by the Ramsey County Game Protective League, Minnesota River Gun Club, the St. Paul Heron Lake Gun Club, St. Paul Association of Commerce, St. Paul Rod and Gun Club, Minneapolis Game Protective League and Commissioner Avery and we assure these organizations and gentlemen here named that we have deeply appreciated their many efforts for our entertainment.

The report of the committee on organization was presented by Carlos Avery on behalf of the Chairman, W. E. Barber of Wisconsin. The committee recommended the changing of the name of the Association to "International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners," which recommendation was accepted in recognition of the community of interest between all the countries of North America in the matter of game conservation.

The committee further recommended that the by-laws fixing kind and qualifications for membership be amended so as to provide for a state voting membership with an annual fee of \$25.00 each in addition to the individual memberships with \$2.00 annual fee. This recommendation was also adopted.