

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is a duly constituted governmental agency, created to serve the Great State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, said service includes the protection and management of Florida's wildlife and habitats, and

WHEREAS, projected growth of Florida's human population over the next 50 years and other environmental factors will undoubtedly present extreme challenges for this agency and others, and

WHEREAS, those challenges, if not addressed with wise and creative solutions, threaten to erode the rich legacy of fish and wildlife conservation, outdoor recreation and the natural character of the Great State of Florida and cause great environmental harm, and

WHEREAS, it is beyond the means of the government of the Great State of Florida to purchase all the natural lands that stand to be lost to development in the years to come, and

WHEREAS, a proposed addition to the Florida Constitution -- Amendment 4, to be on the ballot for Florida's voters' approval during the November 2008 election -- would offer a meaningful solution to this issue by providing for tax incentives for landowners who set aside lands for conservation easements and those who practice proactive conservation to benefit wildlife, and

WHEREAS, privately owned lands feature some of Florida's most valuable wildlife habitats, and a private land stewardship ethic is a critical component of natural resource conservation, and

WHEREAS, passage of Amendment 4 requires that 60 percent of voters cast ballots in favor of its adoption:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that this Commission supports Amendment 4 and that, if approved by the voters, Amendment 4 will help conserve fish and wildlife habitat for future generations of Floridians.

DONE AND RESOLVED in this duly constituted and assembled meeting at Dania Beach, Florida, this 11th day of June, 2008.

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Attest: