RESOLUTION #2012-\_\_

SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING ACADEMY

WHEREAS, the future sustainability of fish and wildlife populations and their myriad of associated outdoor recreational opportunities and other important public benefits hinges upon the success of state fish and wildlife agency’s to individually and collectively protect, conserve and enhance fish and wildlife populations and their critical habitats across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the ability of state fish and wildlife agencies to accomplish these goals rests in large part on the development of capable and effective agency executive-level professionals; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the National Conservation Leadership Institute has proven to be an effective leadership training model for the natural resource conservation management community at large; and

WHEREAS, through the development of the National Conservation Leadership Institute, participating natural resource professionals are better equipped to provide more effective leadership through their participation in this comprehensive leadership learning experience; and

WHEREAS, state fish and wildlife agency conservation law enforcement professionals face a particularly complex and continuously evolving set of unique leadership challenges based upon the specific and critical set of services they provide to the public through their respective state fish and wildlife agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to continue their efforts to foster and support the development and enhancement of critical, cutting-edge leadership skills amongst all executive-level fish and wildlife management professionals across their member agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies supports and endorses the efforts of the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs (NACLEC) organization and their member conservation law enforcement executive-level professionals to undertake efforts to develop an executive-level leadership training academy for conservation law enforcement professionals.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies endorses efforts by NACLEC and member state agencies to work in cooperation with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency’s Management Assistance Team, National Conservation Leadership Institute staff, and US Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center staff to conduct a review of existing leadership development and training programs, conduct a training needs assessment of state fish and wildlife agencies to aid in the prioritization of the types of leadership skills that are required within the conservation law enforcement discipline, and develop a funding support strategy and a draft curriculum for the operation of a conservation law enforcement executive-level leadership training academy.