

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Conservation Reserve Program

WHEREAS, The thirteen member states of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies are pleased to extend special recognition to the United States Department of Agriculture on the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Conservation Reserve Program; and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Reserve Program has been the cornerstone of all conservation programs administered by the United States Department of Agriculture by providing critical wildlife habitat, improving the water quality, and protecting soil and forest resources across America; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the enhancement and protection our natural resources, the Conservation Reserve Program has been a wise investment of taxpayer funds by promoting balanced ecosystems addressing declining populations of threatened and endangered species while providing significant nesting and brooding habitat for millions of waterfowl, pheasants, quail, and neo-tropical species of birds. Over the years, the Conservation Reserve Program has also provided recreational opportunities to hunters, anglers, and wildlife enthusiasts, contributed millions of dollars in outdoor related expenditures to rural economies and private landowners, addressed essential pollinator habitat, and sequestered millions of tons of carbon; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals, both past and present, which have been involved with the work of the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are to be commended for their tremendous efforts in administering the Conservation Reserve Program over the past thirty years. It is certain that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies vows to work closely with these federal agencies to ensure that the opportunities to improve upon the Conservation Reserve Program will continue for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, in adopting this Resolution in assembly on July 1, 2015, pay tribute to the Conservation Reserve Program on its thirtieth anniversary and extend congratulations to the United States Department of Agriculture for its efforts during those years.