

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
SUPPORT THE CONTROL OF FERAL SWINE IN THE UNITED STATES

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, feral swine are present in numerous states within the United States, and

WHEREAS, feral swine damage fences, forest stands, natural communities, row and forage crops, parks, cemeteries, and lawns and gardens, and

WHEREAS, feral swine harbor diseases that affect people, pets, livestock, and wildlife, and

WHEREAS, feral swine kill young lambs, goats, calves, and deer, harass adult cattle and horses, and destroy birds nests and other wildlife, and

WHEREAS, feral swine cause an estimated \$800 million of damage in the United States annually, and

WHEREAS, there is a standing Presidential Directive to control the spread of invasive species, and

WHEREAS, the National Governor's Association has called for joint federal/state programs to help prevent the spread of invasive species, and adequate federal financial support to enable states to control or eradicate invasive species, and

WHEREAS, the distribution and number of feral swine are increasing in the Midwest, and

WHEREAS, the undersigned agencies are responsible for protecting their state's natural resources from invasive species;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at its annual meeting in Huron Ohio, on July 13, 2005, agrees to:

1. Cooperate in the control of feral swine populations in the Midwest;
2. Urge the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to adopt a similar resolution; and
3. Urge the United States Secretary of Agriculture, appropriate Congressional Representatives, and the President of the United States to adequately fund coordinated feral hog control efforts in the United States.