



**Resolution Requesting that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Remove Red Wolves Released Onto Private Lands in the Red Wolf Recovery Area Located in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, North Carolina**

*Whereas*, the federal Red Wolf Recovery Plan institutes the clear goal that the non-essential experimental population (NEP) of red wolves on the Albemarle Peninsula of North Carolina should be managed on "federal lands"; and

*Whereas*, as evidenced by research, red wolves are more likely to utilize agricultural fields than all other habitat types combined; and

*Whereas*, agricultural fields are primarily found on privately owned lands; and

*Whereas*, the well documented persistence of red wolves on private lands is not in harmony with achieving the explicit goal set forth in the Red Wolf Recovery Plan that the red wolf NEP should be managed on "federal lands"; and

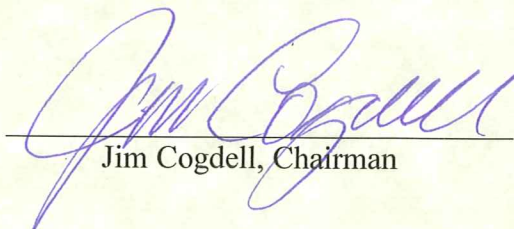
*Whereas*, the USFWS also released at least 64 captive-reared wolves on privately owned land; and

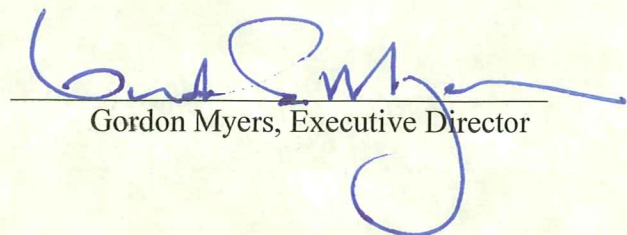
*Whereas*, this release of wolves on private lands could only inhibit the USFWS' ability to meet its explicit requirement that the red wolf NEP should be managed on "federal lands"; and

*Whereas*, this release of wolves on private lands was an unauthorized activity under federal rules;

*Now, therefore be it resolved*, that because the release of 64 wolves onto private lands is inconsistent with the explicit goal of the Red Wolf Recovery Plan that the red wolf NEP should be managed on "federal lands" and because that release of wolves on private lands was an unauthorized activity under federal rules, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission hereby requests that the USFWS immediately capture and remove those wolves, including any offspring arising solely therefrom.

Approved, this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015, in an official meeting by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

  
Jim Cogdell, Chairman

  
Gordon Myers, Executive Director