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RESOLUTION

Give Wildlife A Value In Land Use Planning

By: Save Our Sandhills

WHEREAS, the belief that our native wildlife species should have adequate habitats to permit them to survive is one that is nonpartisan and is widely held by North Carolina citizens; and

WHEREAS, while many local government land use plans across the state talk about the value of things such as “open space” and the need to preserve a “rural ambience,” very few of them ever mention the word “wildlife”: and

WHEREAS, most local ordinances on land use and subdivisions do not mention the word “wildlife”; and

WHEREAS, most local planning staffs, planning boards, municipal governing bodies, and county commissions do not consider the needs of specific native wildlife species when they deliberate on land use issues and proposals; and

WHEREAS, if we expect our native wildlife species to survive for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations of our citizens, we should recognize the essential need for each generation of local planners and governing bodies along the way to take steps to protect wildlife habitats and to refrain from taking actions that would damage them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Save Our Sandhills, meeting in Southern Pines, North Carolina on April 28, 2011, urges the North Carolina General Assembly to enact new legislation that will require each county and municipal government to recognize the value of preserving the habitats of our native wildlife species and that will further require each local government to include provisions for accomplishing this in all land use plans and related ordinances, with the North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan serving as a key document for reference and guidance.

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