

# Resolution

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

hereby declares:

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Commission) is a duly constituted governmental agency, created to manage fish and wildlife in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, black bears have recovered from population declines and are a conservation success story for Florida and the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, black bears are attracted to unsecured garbage at residences and businesses found in bear range; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of human-bear conflicts are associated with unsecured garbage, and some of those conflicts have resulted in injury to people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is charged with managing black bears in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission works with Florida's counties, municipalities, and homeowner's associations to reduce conflicts with black bears; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission will continue to respond to human-bear conflicts including removal of black bears from communities, education efforts, and enforcement of wildlife feeding prohibitions.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Commission:

1. That the Commission does hereby encourage Florida counties, municipalities and homeowners' associations in black bear range to pass ordinances or bylaws that require garbage be secured from black bears; and
2. That the Commission shall provide model ordinances or bylaws to be used in developing such ordinances or bylaws; and
3. That such model ordinances or bylaws shall provide incentives whenever possible to assist in implementing the ordinances or bylaws; and
4. That the Commission will continue a strong education and outreach effort on living in black bear range to reduce human-bear conflicts; and
5. That the Commission will continue to aggressively remove bears where they may pose a threat to public safety; and
6. That the Commission will continue effective enforcement of wildlife feeding prohibitions to protect public safety.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** in this duly constituted and assembled meeting in Sarasota, Florida, this 24th day of June, 2015.



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Chairman Richard A. Corbett

Attest:

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