Resolution

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida

hereby declare:

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Commission) is a duly constituted governmental agency, created to serve the great State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida (Foundation) is a nonprofit organization formed to provide funding and other assistance to the Commission as a citizen-support organization, and

WHEREAS, citizen involvement in conservation is one of the Commission's most valuable assets, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Foundation lament the passing earlier this year (May 23, 2015) of citizen conservationist Mariana Jones, and

WHEREAS, she and her late husband, John Jones, started their conservation efforts in the Commission's J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area and were big supporters of Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, Big Cypress Wildlife Management Area, Everglades and Kissimmee River restoration and our conservation community as a whole, and

WHEREAS, she and her husband were heavily involved in the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association in its early days, mentoring more conservationists there, and

WHEREAS, they spearheaded legislation that created the Conservation and Recreational Lands (CARL) program and they worked on precursors to the Florida Forever land-buying program that conserves environmentally significant lands, and

WHEREAS, today CARL and Florida Forever are credited for purchasing approximately 3 million acres of land that is occupied by wildlife and enjoyed by recreational users today, and.

WHEREAS, because of their efforts and the legacy they leave Floridians and state visitors alike, this and future generations can enjoy many habitats filled with wildlife, including their namesake, the John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area in Palm Beach and Martin counties,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commission and the Foundation, in a duly constituted and assembled Commission meeting:

THAT the Commission will continue to honor the impressive conservation legacy Mariana Jones left behind,

THAT her work will continue to inspire cooperative conservation efforts to help get families outdoors to honor her legacy, and

THAT this resolution becomes an official recognition and public expression of these sentiments to be recorded forevermore in the minutes of the Commission.

DONE AND RESOLVED in this duly constituted and assembled meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 3rd day of September 2015.

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FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Chairman Brian Yablonski

Attest: _____

With the support of the following Commission members:

Vice Chairman Aliese "Liesa" Priddy

Commissioner Ronald M. Bergeron

Commissioner Richard Hanas

Commissioner Adrien Bo Rivard

Commissioner Charles W. Roberts III

Commissioner Robert A. Spottswood

Wildlife Foundation of Florida

FISH AND WILDLIFE
FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA

Chairman Rodney Barreto

Attest: _____

With the support of the following Foundation members:

Vice Chairman John "Jack" J. Curlett

2nd Vice Chairman Carlos J. Alfonso

Treasurer Steve Swindal

Secretary Connie S. Parker