

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ALABAMA WILDLIFE FEDERATION  
December 12, 2008**

**Whereas**, the Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF) recognizes that Lake Guntersville is an asset that provides a host of public benefits to people, communities, and our state as a whole, including but not limited to personal and industrial water supplies, recreational opportunities, scenic beauty, commerce and economic stimuli, and

**Whereas**, the AWF recognizes that the quality of the waters and aquatic habitats in Lake Guntersville directly affect fish and wildlife and the flow of public benefits to people, communities, and our state, and

**Whereas**, the AWF recognizes that aquatic vegetation in Lake Guntersville has both positive and negative impacts on fish and wildlife, lake residents, and lake users, and

**Whereas**, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has been charged by Congress to manage the TVA reservoir system, including stewardship of those reservoirs such as Lake Guntersville, and

**Whereas**, the TVA has been a leader in the use of stakeholder groups, such as the Lake Guntersville Aquatic Vegetation Management Stakeholders Group, to assist with problem solving and management action development to meet TVA stewardship and other responsibilities, and

**Whereas**, the Lake Guntersville Aquatic Vegetation Management Stakeholders Group, has been recognized nationally as an example of collaborative success that should be replicated, and

**Whereas**, AWF representatives have been a part of and personally involved with the collaborative efforts associated with the Lake Guntersville Aquatic Vegetation Stakeholders Group and the Lake Guntersville Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan, and

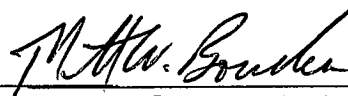
**Whereas**, the TVA has recently and abruptly abandoned their heretofore exemplary collaboration with Lake Guntersville stakeholders by announcing, without the opportunity for prior input from historic collaborative stakeholders, that they would reduce the funding for and extent of aquatic vegetation treatments outlined in the Lake Guntersville Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the AWF calls on TVA to reinstate and implement the Lake Guntersville Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan for FY09.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the AWF calls on TVA to re-engage Lake Guntersville stakeholders and work collaboratively with them to develop a long-term action plan and funding solution to insure proper aquatic vegetation management is implemented in Lake Guntersville to meet the needs of our fish and wildlife resources, the public, and our state and to protect against chaotic approaches to vegetation management in Lake Guntersville that could result in adverse affects on water quality, fish and wildlife, aquatic habitats, and the overall flow of benefits to the public.



Lee Thuston, President



Matt Bowden, Secretary