RESOLUTION OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALABAMA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

February 18, 2001

WHEREAS, the taking of game animals by the aid of bait is illegal in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of baiting for the taking of all or certain game animals is the subject of debate from time to time, including recommendations and/or legislation to make it legal; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Wildlife Federation is convicted that taking game animals by the aid of bait sends an improper message to the hunting and non-hunting public that could be detrimental to the long-term health of our hunting heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Wildlife Federation is convicted that legalized baiting could result in a substantial increase in the placement across the landscape of feed for wildlife in a condition and/or manner that could perpetuate and/or exacerbate disease transmission and spread among target and non-target wildlife species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Wildlife Federation is opposed to and will work to insure that hunting by the aid of bait, except when it is shown to be a beneficial management tool in the control of non-native, exotic and/or feral animals, remains an illegal activity in Alabama.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alabama Wildlife Federation defines baiting as the placement of feed for the purpose of harvesting wildlife; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alabama Wildlife Federation categorically does not include wildlife food plots within its definition of baiting and considers wildlife food plots to be a beneficial wildlife management practice and harvest management tool that does not threaten the long-term health of our hunting heritage.

ALABAMA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Attest:

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As Its President

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