



## RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION HONORING DAVID H. ALLEN

*Whereas*, David H. Allen is a resident of North Carolina and a distinguished, respected wildlife biologist;

*Whereas*, David has worked diligently to promote and foster a collaborative approach to the conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat in the state of North Carolina and the southeastern United States;

*Whereas*, David has shown commitment and leadership toward the conservation of North Carolina's nongame wildlife species and habitats;

*Whereas*, David introduced and supported innovative approaches to restore the red-cockaded woodpecker population in North Carolina, including the Safe Harbor program for private landowners and the Recovery and Sustainment Program (RASP) agreement with the U.S. military for WRC game lands;

*Whereas*, David fostered and perpetuated efforts to protect and maintain waterbird habitat through acquisition, creation, and restoration of waterbird islands on the North Carolina coast, including Gull, Parnell, Wells, and Cora June islands, that provide nesting habitat to more than 30 species of waterbirds in the state;

*Whereas*, David and his kind and steady demeanor were instrumental in engaging and reassuring landowners about many 'listed species issues' that resulted in permanent land conservation benefiting wildlife;

*Whereas*, David served as an expert advisor to the Bald Eagle Recovery Team, Cape Hatteras National Seashore Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, North Carolina Waterbird Management Committee, North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan Technical Committee, and North Carolina Scientific Council on Birds;

*Whereas*, David has been recognized by several North Carolina constituency groups for his commitment to wildlife conservation by receiving the Government Partner of the Year Award from the Conservation Trust of North Carolina, the North Carolina Longleaf Honor Roll, and the Honorary Warden Award from Audubon North Carolina; and

*Whereas*, before and since retirement, David has dedicated his time to red-cockaded woodpecker surveys on game lands, waterbird surveys on wildlife conservation areas, and the North Carolina Bird Atlas for which he has contributed 183 species observations, 626 checklists in 64 priority blocks, and 581 breeding confirmations, and most recently received the 2023 Most Valuable Atlaser Award.

*Now, Therefore, be it Resolved*, that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission does hereby pay tribute to David H. Allen for his outstanding contributions to the wildlife resources of North Carolina through his past and continued commitment to the conservation of the state's wildlife diversity;

*And be it Further Resolved*, that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission expresses its profound gratitude to David H. Allen and presents him with the Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award for his exemplary leadership in the enhancement and conservation of North Carolina's non-game wildlife resources.

This resolution was introduced by Chairman Monty Crump and unanimously passed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in a meeting duly assembled on October 26, 2023 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Monty Crump, Chairman

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Cameron Ingram, Executive Director