

# Resolution

The Board of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission hereby declares on this 11th day of April in the year 2007:

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

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recognizes the Florida reptile industry is a valuable component in the economy of the Great State of Florida, and

**WHEREAS**, the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council developed the standards that compose the National Reptile Improvement Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Reptile Industry Association has partnered with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to recognize the National Reptile Improvement Plan as voluntary standards for the husbandry, care and handling of reptiles and amphibians, and

**WHEREAS**, the National Reptile Improvement Plan identifies best management practices for the reptile and amphibian trade and for those who possess reptiles and amphibians as a hobby, and

**WHEREAS**, provisions of said plan will help ensure the humane treatment of reptiles and amphibians held in private ownership or otherwise kept in captivity in this state and will help ensure public health and safety, and

**WHEREAS**, any such voluntary plan that substitutes for government regulation represents the noblest concept in American-style government – which is government by consent of the people:

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, in a duly constituted and assembled meeting, and by the Florida Reptile Industry Association, that we endorse and support the National Reptile Improvement Plan as a voluntary set of standards that are in the best interests of the people of the Great State of Florida and in the best interests of the reptiles and amphibians within its scope.

**DONE AND RESOLVED**, in this duly constituted and assembled meeting at Tallahassee, Florida, this 11th day of April, A.D. 2007.



Florida Fish  
and Wildlife  
Conservation  
Commission

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*Florida Reptile Industry Association*

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*Attest:*