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MODEL HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, there exists general agreement that State and Provincial hunter education and safety programs can contribute significantly to greater awareness and enjoyment of the wildlife resource; and, further can contribute to an improved conservation ethic, lead to greater understanding of wildlife management issues, and assure that hunting will continue to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for millions of North Americans; and

WHEREAS, significant differences exist among State and Provincial programs in terms of quality goals, implementation, and requirements; and

WHEREAS, while program variability caused by local differences is inevitable, a need exists to identify the basic elements of sound hunter education/safety programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, at its annual convention in Baltimore, September 13, 1978, that the North American Association of Hunter Safety Coordinators, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Canadian Wildlife Service be requested to provide assistance of a technical and financial nature to the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in instituting an analysis and evaluation of existing State and Provincial hunter education/safety programs and in preparing a model program designed to strengthen State and Provincial efforts.