



**Resolution of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Supporting
Senate Bill 224 of the 2013 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute G.S.103-2 currently prohibits the hunting on Sundays, with a shotgun, rifle, or pistol; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 224 of the 2013 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly would remove the prohibition by permitting Sunday hunting on private lands; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission includes conservation of North Carolina's wildlife resources and providing opportunities that allow hunters to enjoy wildlife-associated recreation; and

WHEREAS, the hunting license sales and their associated federal matching funds are the lifeblood to the most successful wildlife management system in the world; and

WHEREAS, many North Carolina residents currently seek hunting opportunities in neighboring states that offer Sunday hunting thereby generating economic activity outside of North Carolina instead of providing substantial economic benefits to rural areas and businesses within our borders; and

WHEREAS, Sunday hunting is an effective means of recruiting new hunters and retaining current hunters by effectively doubling the number of hunting days for youths during the school year while providing additional options for hardworking adults with limited week-end hunting opportunities; and


WHEREAS, the current prohibition on Sunday hunting serves no purpose with regards to conservation of North Carolina's wildlife resources and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling its mission to provide opportunities for hunters to enjoy wildlife-associated recreation, the Commission adopted regulations in March 2009 authorizing hunting on Sundays on private lands with archery equipment; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians have been hunting with archery equipment on Sundays since September 2010 without incident or conflict; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission affirms full support of Senate Bill 224 of the 2013 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

This resolution introduced and unanimously passed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission duly assembled on March 14, 2013 in Raleigh, North Carolina.



David W. Hoyle, Jr., Chairman



Gordon S. Myers, Executive Director