



In Support of the Union Sportsmen's Alliance

WHEREAS, The Union Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) is a union-operated, union-dedicated, 501(c)(3) conservation organization committed to uniting millions of union sportsmen and sportswomen to preserve North America's outdoor heritage by educating future generations of sportsmen and by conserving healthy wildlife habitat to help preserve the outdoor way of life; and

WHEREAS, More than six million active and retired AFL-CIO union members hunt, fish or shoot. Collectively, they make up the largest constituency of sportsmen and sportswomen in North America. Hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists and shaped a set of ideals that came to be known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. The model has two basic principles — our fish and wildlife belong to all Americans and they need to be managed in a way that their populations will be sustained forever; and

WHEREAS, The Union Sportsmen's Alliance launched its conservation program bringing together union members willing to volunteer their time and expertise to conservation projects that improve and enhance public access, wildlife habitat and outdoor experiences for communities across America; and

WHEREAS, USA's Work Boots on the Ground program brings together skilled union members for hands-on conservation projects such as rebuilding a hiking trail bridge, building pheasant transport boxes, planting native plant species at a local wetlands, and providing hands-on fishing or shooting instruction for youth. The program works closely with federal, state and local agencies and other conservation groups to provide manpower needed to complete critical projects that may otherwise go undone; and

WHEREAS, The USA is non-partisan and does not take positions on or endorse political agendas, parties or candidates. As a non-profit organization with a small staff, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance depends on dedicated volunteers to help educate future generations of sportsmen and women, conserve wildlife habitat and improve access to quality places to hunt, fish and shoot; and

WHEREAS, The USA's TV series, "Brotherhood Outdoors," broadcast on the Sportsman Channel, features the stories of union sportsmen and women taking part in the hunting or fishing trip of a lifetime, is both informative and entertaining, and

WHEREAS, UWUA National President D. Michael Langford proudly represents UWUA sportsmen and sports women on the USA Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The UWUA fully supports the mission of the Union Sportsmen's Alliance; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, UWUA locals and members are encouraged to support the work of the USA. In addition to getting involved in upcoming Boots on the Ground projects, members can also assist in organizing or coordinating new conservation projects and community events such as area Take Kids Fishing Day.