

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CHOCTAWHATCHEE AUDUBON SOCIETY REQUESTING THAT THE PROHIBITIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER EO 10-06 BE EFFECTED PERMANENTLY**

**WHEREAS**, the Choctawhatchee Audubon Society is a conservation-based organization and represents over 400 members from Okaloosa, Walton and Santa Rosa counties, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Choctawhatchee Audubon Society seeks to promote the conservation and wise use of all natural resources with particular focus on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and Earth's biological diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the capture and confinement of wildlife, in particular foxes and coyotes, runs counter to the sport and tradition of using dogs to track free ranging prey; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent State permitting of penned hunting is neither a wise use of natural resources nor does it respect the sport and traditional practice embodied by the classical use of hunting dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, controls over the practice of fox and coyote penning such as providing escapement, vaccination, capture by means other than steel traps and importation over state lines have proven to be unenforceable; and

**WHEREAS**, wildlife including foxes and coyotes is a resource for all of the residents of Florida including not only those who wish to pursue the traditional sport of using dogs in the chase of uncaged prey but also those who simply want to observe the interaction and behavior of wildlife in the natural habitat; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Choctawhatchee Audubon Society that We urgently request that the Commissioners of the State of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission permanently prohibit the take of foxes or coyotes by dogs within an enclosed area.**

**Approved by the Board of Directors, 02/2010**

**Signed by** \_\_\_\_\_

Gary H Parsons  
Conservation Chair, Choctawhatchee Audubon Society  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_