

NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Native American Fish & Wildlife Society

## RESOLUTION

### **Title: Approval for NAFWS to develop an International Hunter's Education Association certified Hunter's Education Program**

**Resolution No.2022-001**

WHEREAS, the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society ("NAFWS") was established in recognition of the importance and respect accorded to fish and wildlife by Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS is composed of Indian Tribes, organizations and people as well as federal and state agency representatives forming "*a national Native American organization to aid in the development and protection of Native American fish and wildlife resources*"; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS purpose includes "*To educate Native Americans involved in fish and wildlife management, policy, decision-makers, community members and others similarly dedicated to tribal natural resource management of the best natural resource management practices*"; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS purpose includes "*To improve the general welfare of tribal people through educational, charitable, as well as fish and wildlife enhancement activities*"; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS purpose includes "*To provide professional publications and promotional activities for disseminating pertinent information regarding Native American fish and wildlife resources to Society members, Indian and non-Indian organizations, public officials and the general public*"; and

WHEREAS, The International Hunter's Education Association student course certification has been ratified and is recognized by all 50 United States, and the Nations of Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. and

WHEREAS, Certified Student Hunter's Education courses are offered online by private companies and non profit organizations. And

WHEREAS, Native American Tribes are sovereign governments and carry a higher echelon of recognition than states, so

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society's Board of Directors hereby approve the NAFWS to work with the International Hunter's Education Association to develop a Tribal sponsored certified Hunter's Education Student Course and Hunter's Education Instructors Course and Re-certification program and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NAFWS work in conjunction with the National Rifle Association to implement an online tribal oriented Hunter's Education student course available at no charge to tribes across the United States.

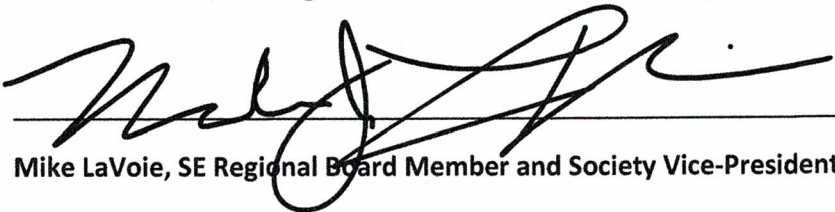
#### Certification

This resolution was enacted by the affirmative vote of the Board of Directors who attended the Board of Directors Meeting held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The vote is 9 voting in favor, 0 voting against, and 0 voting abstaining.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.



Elveda Martinez, SW Regional Board Member and Society President



Mike LaVoie, SE Regional Board Member and Society Vice-President

Attest:



Mitzi Reed, SE Regional Board Member and Society Secretary/Treasurer