

JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

The Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund

WHEREAS, the state of Florida is comprised of diverse habitats, including coastal, freshwater and upland ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, wildlife viewing by more than 3.24 million wildlife watchers annually generates \$1.8 billion and supports 19,000 jobs in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to more than 3,800 biologically diverse species, with 118 listed as endangered, threatened or of special concern; and

WHEREAS, the success of the conservation of wild species and wild places resides with both public officials and private citizens across our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to many distinguished institutions dedicated to scientific study and wildlife conservation within the state and throughout the world; and

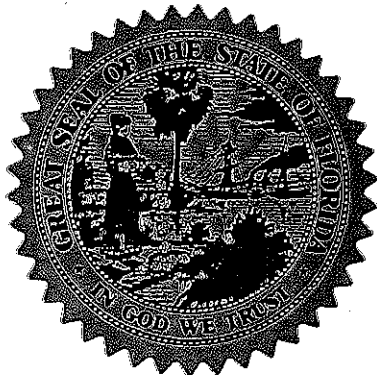
WHEREAS, the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund supports the study and protection of wildlife and ecosystems, with consideration for those organizations based in Florida or involved with Florida ecosystem restoration and wildlife conservation initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund has contributed more than \$10 million to conservation, including dozens of organizations based within and for Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund has provided relief through emergency Rapid Response Funding, contributing to organizations working for wildlife and ecosystems in the aftermath of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund evaluates every project under consideration of scientific methodologies, magnitude of need, involvement of partner organizations, ability to impact an area in the near-term, and elements of public education and community involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby acknowledge and support the efforts of the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of
the state of Florida to be
affixed at Tallahassee, the
Capital, this 20th day of February
in the year two thousand six.


GOVERNOR