



## NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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### NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY SOUTHWEST REGION RESOLUTION

#### FUNDING FOR LIBERTY WILDLIFE NON-EAGLE FEATHER REPOSITORY

#### RESOLUTION NO. SW-19-003

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 organization to aid in the development and protection of Indian fish and wildlife resources”; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS is dedicated “to the earth that began with our own beginning, and pledge to our fellow creatures that cannot be broken”; and

WHEREAS, the tribes in the Southwest Region are in need of various non-eagle feathers and migratory bird species feathers for their use in their various traditional and ceremonial purposes, and

WHEREAS, Liberty Wildlife, a non-profit organization has received approval from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and operates under a federal permit to operate the Non-Eagle Feather Repository program, to obtain various non-eagle and migratory bird feathers, parts and carcasses from various federal and state agencies, zoos, wildlife rehabilitators and other legally authorized sources for the purpose of providing valued feathers, carcasses and parts to federally recognized Native American tribes for cultural and ceremonial purposes; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Wildlife’s Non-Eagle Feather Repository program is in need of two (2) frost free upright freezers that will be placed at the Non-Eagle Feather Repository program office located at Liberty Wildlife in Phoenix, Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the Non-Eagle Feather Repository is in compliance with federal permits and requirements to possess and distribute the feathers, carcasses and parts, and

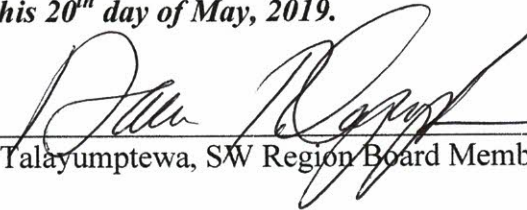
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southwest Region of the NAFWS hereby supports the Non-Eagle Feather Repository, Liberty Wildlife efforts by funding the purchase of two (2) frost free upright freezers that will not exceed \$2,000.00 and that such funds will be paid out of the Southwest Region's Wells Fargo account, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution supports Liberty Wildlife's Non-Eagle Feather Repository program in providing assistance in support of all Southwest Region Tribes access and request for various non-eagle and migratory feathers, carcasses and parts for their respective traditional and ceremonial purposes.

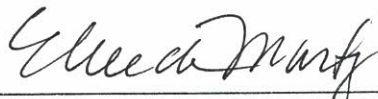
**CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was enacted by the affirmative vote of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Southwest Region membership on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Southwest Region Business Meeting that was held in conjunction with the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society National Conference. The motion passed by a vote of 16 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions.

*Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.*



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Darren Talayumptewa, SW Region Board Member, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society



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Elveda Martinez, SW Region Board Member, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

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Donald J. Reiter, President NAFWS