

WHEREAS, petroleum products from many sources are being released into the sea at an increasing rate through human negligence, and;

WHEREAS, oil exploration is continuing in oceanic areas having a great wealth of marine life, and;

WHEREAS, natural resources having as great or greater value to human life than petroleum are in potential danger;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Society of Mammalogists wishes to call its deep concern about this matter to the attention of Secretary Walter Hickle of the Department of the Interior of the United States, Washington, D. C.; of Lic. Antonio Carrillo Flores, Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores, Tlatelolco, México, D. F.; of Lic. Reyes Herodes, Director General de Petroleos Mexicanos, Edificio de Petroleos Mexicanos, México, D. F.; and of Minister J. J. Greene, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Canada. [Resolution to be translated into Spanish for transmittal to Mexican officials.]

WHEREAS, San Miguel Island of the Channel Islands of California is unique in that six species of pinnipeds occur on its shores (California sea lion, *Zalophus californianus*; Steller sea lion, *Eumetopias jubata*; Guadalupe fur seal, *Arctocephalus townsendi*; northern fur seal, *Callorhinus ursinus*; harbor seal, *Phoca vitulina*; and northern elephant seal, *Mircunga angustirostris*), and;

WHEREAS, all of these species either breed on San Miguel Island or probably did so in the recent past, the colony of elephant seals being the largest in the United States, and;

WHEREAS, the newly discovered breeding colony of the northern fur seal on San Miguel Island is of special scientific and perhaps economic interest, and;

WHEREAS, San Miguel Island is now under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Navy for use as a missile impact area, and;

WHEREAS, the National Park Service is already delegated certain authority by the Navy to protect the natural values of San Miguel Island, and;

WHEREAS, a Channel Islands National Park has been proposed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Society of Mammalogists supports the creation of a Channel Islands National Park, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that San Miguel Island and its wildlife be given full protection as soon as possible by inclusion among the islands under jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

WHEREAS, the Indiana bat, *Myotis sodalis*, is on the official list of rare and endangered Fish and Wildlife of the United States, prepared by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Bat Cave in Carter Caves State Park, Kentucky, serves as winter quarters for a spectacular colony of these bats—a major portion of the species still extant; and

WHEREAS, these hibernating bats are helpless, and, having been so readily accessible to man, have long been subject to persecution and have presented a problem of serious concern to conservationists;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Society of Mammalogists strongly commends the Honorable Louie B. Nunn, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Commissioner of Parks Robert E. Gable, Chief Park Naturalist Jim Butler, and John Franson, Central Midwest Representative for the National Audubon Society, for their efforts to protect the bats of Carter Caves State Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Society commends Governor Nunn for his general concern for the Wildlife resources of Kentucky and for his widely recognized efforts in behalf of conservation.

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Society and the American Society of Mammalogists in large part deal with the same body of knowledge and are concerned about many of the same problems; and