



Policy Directives and Resolutions for Consideration

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1 **COMMITTEE:** **NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

2 **POLICY:** **WILDLIFE CORRIDORS**

3 **TYPE:** **RESOLUTION**

4 **WHEREAS**, populations of fish, wildlife, and plant species in the United States are on
5 the decline, in fact, estimates suggest that one in five native species is at risk of
6 extinction; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, a major threat to fish, wildlife, and plant species in the United States is the
9 loss, degradation, fragmentation, and obstruction of their natural habitats; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, wildlife are losing the ability to move across landscapes reducing their
12 ability to respond to changes in habitat, food availability, and climate; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, wildlife-vehicle collisions cost over \$8 billion each year and pose a risk to
15 human and wildlife health; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, wildlife corridors facilitate the movement of wildlife across the landscape;
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20 **WHEREAS**, states are recognizing that wildlife corridors and wildlife crossings are
21 important for protecting native species as well as reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions and
22 are taking actions; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act will help create a system of
25 federally designated wildlife corridors across the United States on federal lands; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act will also provide funding and
28 incentives for the protection of wildlife corridors by state and tribal agencies and private
29 landowners on non-federal lands; and

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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Conference of State
32 Legislators urges the President of the United States and each Member of Congress to
33 establish a national system to implement and promote wildlife corridors and crossings
34 similar to that of the federal Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019, and

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted
37 to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the
38 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress.