RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Arkansas is fortunate to have an abundance of high quality surface water - available for public drinking water needs, agricultural needs, and recreational purposes - which attracts many, many tourists to our state annually; and

WHEREAS, High quality surface water is exemplified by the 16% of waters designated in Arkansas as Extraordinary Resource Waters; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas welcomes visitors to our State that share our deep pleasure and enjoyment of the outdoors given through the Natural State's many state parks benefiting from our Extraordinary Resource Waters such as:

Devil's Den State Park – Lee Creek
DeGray Lake Resort State Park – Lake DeGray, Caddo River
Daisy State Park – Little Missouri River
Queen Wilhelmina State Park – Mountain Fork River
Lake Ouachita State Park – Lake Ouachita
Bull Shoals/White River State Park – White River and Bull Shoals Lake
Old Davidsonville State Park – Eleven Point River
Ozark Folk Center State Park – North Sylamore Creek
Woolly Hollow State Park – Cadron Creek

WHEREAS, Further, Arkansas has many privately owned resorts and lodges that are centered around these great resources, and are a vital part of many communities across the State; and

WHEREAS, The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission has rulemaking proposed that could potentially threaten the protection of these Extraordinary Resources Waters for future generations of not only Arkansans, but those that choose to spend their limited vacation time enjoying the splendors of the Natural State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission respectfully requests the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to consider all the ramifications of rulemaking proposed that could degrade water quality and could reduce Arkansas's inventory of Extraordinary Resource Waters.

This RESOLUTION adopted by the State Parks, Recreation & Travel Commission on this 17th day of August, 2006, at the Best Western Eureka Inn in the City of Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

STATE PARKS, RECREATION & TRAVEL COMMISSION
Jim Shamburg, Chairman

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