**RESOLUTION**

***WHEREAS,******ARKANSAS VETERANS***are citizens who have honorably served America and the State of Arkansas with a sworn commitment to defend and protect their nation and state in whatever way was necessary, up to and including their very lives, and

***WHEREAS,******ARKANSAS DISABLED VETERANS****, especially those who are Combat Wounded (Purple Heart recipients), are citizens who* have and will continue a lifetime of suffering and pain, a significantly diminished quality of life, and shortened lifespan, and

***WHEREAS,******ARKANSAS GOLD STAR FAMILIES***, are citizens that have suffered the loss of a loved one Killed In Action (KIA) defending our nation and state, and

***WHEREAS,*** the ***ARKANSAS VETERANS COALITION*** is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization comprised of Arkansas’ nationally chartered/recognized Veteran Service Organizations (“VSOs”), affiliate veteran and veteran-focused organizations, military, uniformed services, and Regional Veterans Coalitions (“RVCs”) with a common goal to support Arkansas’ ***197,000+ veterans*** and their families, and

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a unanimous vote their Friday, July 15, 2022, meeting, THE ARKANSAS VETERANS COALITION:***

*RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION RECOGNIZE ARKANSAS CITIZENS THAT ARE VETERANS WHO HAVE HONORABLY SERVED THEIR NATION AND THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMEBRS OF GOLD STAR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A PATRIOT KILLED IN ACTION BY PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:*

*FOR VETERANS:*

* *A SPECIAL HUNTING SEASON,*
* *A LOTTERY HUNT FOR DISABLED VETERANS, AND*
* *LICENSE FEE REDUCTION FOR COMBAT WOUNDED (PURPLE HEART RECIPIETNENTS) WITHOUT REGARD TO PERMANENT DISABILITY RATING LEVEL.*

*FOR GOLD STAR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMEBRS (FATHER, SON, SON, DAUGHTER OF KIA): BE OFFERED FREE LIFETIME DEER HUNTING LICENSE AND FISHING LICENSE TO INCLUDE TROUT TAGS.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand on the ***15th day of July 2022***:

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*Will Beans, President*

