

A Note From the President

At the 1982 Annual RRF Meeting in Salt Lake City, much interest was generated for a resolution supporting the important work being done on the California Condor. Because of limited time, the resolution was not developed to its final form but I promised the members that, once completed, we would publish it in our journal for all to see, copy and/or duplicate. The Directors, officers and many other members provided valuable input on several drafts before the below was fine-tuned to the point where our Directors would sign off on it. To all those that provided assistance, you have my sincere appreciation. Without further adieu, the resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

RE: California Condor-Scientific Recovery Efforts

WHEREAS, The Raptor Research Foundation Inc., is dedicated to the research and conservation of raptor species;

WHEREAS, the California Condor is an endangered species rapidly declining towards extinction;

WHEREAS, neither existing nor past management techniques, by themselves, have reversed the decline of this species;

WHEREAS, captive propagation is an acceptable management technique which may save the California Condor;

WHEREAS, properly undertaken radiotelemetry studies can provide valuable information on habitat requirements, social behavior and potential adverse environmental factors and possibly assist in the recovery of injured and/or sick individuals;

WHEREAS, The Raptor Research Foundation Inc., has gone on record (statement by then-RRF President Dr. Richard Olanderff at the May 30, 1980 Meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission) in support of the proposal for captive propagation of the California Condor;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC., reaffirms its support of carefully planned and scientifically-justified captive propagation and radiotelemetry studies of this species.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC., commends the Federal and State agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with the management of the California Condor for their recent collective efforts to assist this species and their progress in reconciling a variety of opinions regarding condor management and urges them to:

- (1) Resolve any differences that might remain between or within the various organizations, and;
- (2) Continue to move forward as expeditiously as scientifically justifiable to assist the California Condor using the best available scientific techniques.

THE RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

Signed by the following RRF Officers and Members of the Board of Directors:

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