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### **Board Resolution on Feral Pigs in Montana**

Whereas feral pigs are a widespread, destructive invasive species in the U.S.;

Whereas feral pigs are not established in Montana but are close to its border;

Whereas feral pigs are highly destructive to agriculture, wildlife, and native habitat;

Whereas feral pigs carry viral, bacterial, and parasitic diseases that can be transmitted to people, pets, and livestock. They can kill lambs and calves and they contaminate livestock feed and damage pastures by rooting;

Whereas feral pigs are prolific breeders, wary, highly competitive and frequently nocturnal;

Whereas feral pigs throughout their range have proven impossible to eradicate or control at scale. Recreational hunting has never been successful at controlling pig populations; and

Whereas importing, raising, or otherwise facilitating feral pig establishment in Montana is illegal; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF):

1. Urges the state of Montana to keep feral pigs from becoming established.
2. Urges the state of Montana to monitor and prevent introductions of invasive wildlife.
3. Urges the state of Montana to prioritize information and enforcement efforts highlighting impacts of feral pigs to Montana's citizens, agriculture, wildlife, and habitat.

Moved: Dale Becker

Second: John Salazar

Passed 14 for and 0 against

April 15, 2023, at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Montana Wildlife Federation