

2006:09 WETLANDS CONSERVATION

Whereas: wetlands are among the most important ecosystems on earth; and

Whereas: wetlands have economic benefits; and

Whereas: wetlands are important as accumulators and purifiers of water to feed all the aquifers, a carbon sink, a place of recreation, habitat for many different types of plants and animals including endangered species; and

Whereas: the Ramsar Convention, which the Government of Canada signed in 1981, is an intergovernmental treaty for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources; therefore be it

Resolved: that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy that wetlands that meet one or more of the criteria listed in the Ramsar Convention including adequate buffers be conserved; and be it further

Resolved: that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to

- a. work with provincial and territorial governments and local authorities to preserve wetlands that meet one or more of the criteria listed in the Ramsar Convention and adequate buffers
- b. continue to identify important wetlands and nominate them to be designated under the Ramsar Convention; and be it further

Resolved: that the National Council of Women of Canada request all Provincial and Local Councils of Women to urge their respective governments to conserve wetlands and adequate buffers.