

**Resolution No. 2016-03 of the
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission**

**A Resolution to Recognize J. Randy Young
for his Contributions to the State of Arkansas**

Whereas, Randy began his career at ANRC in 1971 as a Water Resources Engineer, became Deputy Director/Chief Engineer in 1975, and was appointed Executive Director in 1985 by Governor Bill Clinton;

Whereas, Randy's service was so extraordinary that the four governors succeeding Governor Clinton continued his appointment such that he served Governors Clinton, Tucker, Huckabee, Beebe and Hutchinson respectively;

Whereas, Randy has worked hand in hand with Arkansas's conservation districts to protect our state from soil erosion, floodwater and sediment damage and to further conservation and development of land resources;

Whereas, under Randy's leadership ANRC developed and implemented three major water, waste water, and solid waste infrastructure financing programs that assisted local communities with the construction of over 1400 projects with financial assistance totaling in excess of \$1.4 billion;

Whereas, under Randy's leadership, ANRC addressed Arkansas's depleting aquifers by implementing the Groundwater Protection and Management Program and sponsoring two regional irrigation projects to reduce dependence upon Arkansas's aquifers;

Whereas, Randy bettered our state's environmental health with his many efforts to balance maximization of soil fertility with improved water quality, including his service as chair of the Governor's Animal Waste Task Force, his ability to maintain cooperative working relationships with all stakeholders and counterparts in other states, and his leadership during the development of our current state nutrient management program;


Whereas, under Randy's leadership ANRC completed both the 1990 and 2014 Updates to the Arkansas Water Plan, formulating water management strategies to ensure abundant, high-quality, affordable water through 2050;

Whereas, the benefits to the state of Arkansas as a result of Randy's leadership are far too numerous to commit to one 8 ½ by 11 inch sheet of paper;

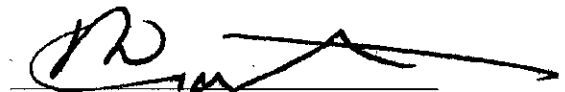
Whereas, the love, admiration, and respect shared by all ANRC staff and Commissioners who've had the great fortune to serve under and with Randy is immense, and he will be greatly missed by all who've had the privilege and pleasure to work with him;

Now therefore, be it resolved in unanimous accord by the members of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission assembled in Little Rock on this date, that J. Randy Young be duly recognized for his untiring efforts to provide guidance to the State of Arkansas in the proper conservation and development of the State's land and water resources and for being a true friend to the Commission and its staff.

Adopted this 20th day of July, 2016.



Don Richardson
Vice-Chair



Mike Carter,
Chair