

RESOLUTION CONSERVATION-IMMIGRATION POLICY

The ideals behind opening our portals to the tired, the dispossessed and oppressed masses from beyond our country's borders has long been met with idealistic approval among this Nation's post colonial people and respect of the rest of the world.

However, the time has come to realize that continued increase in the population of our planet and our nation is outdated and invalid. Many mistakenly assume that the United States has little to be concerned about, but calculations indicate that each person, including immigrants, living the United States affluent life-style, consumes 20 to 40 times as much energy and resources than does the third world person and pollutes the environment with 20 to 40 times as much carbon dioxide and other pollutants.

The world population has increased from 2.3 billion in 1940 to 6.35 billion in 2004. Meanwhile, the US population has increased from 131.7 million in 1940 to 295 million in 2004, about 2¼ times in 64 years – less than an average person's lifetime.

Many scientists and politicians, many religious and conservation organizations, including the Izaak Walton League of America, realize that the stabilization of present population is imperative to preserving our natural diversity of wildlife that can live together with people in sustainable proportions into the foreseeable future.

Therefore be it resolved: The Walter J Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, MN DIV; at its Social/Educational Meeting, March 24, 1998 supports the following position: while we support greater involvement of our Government in aiding other Nations to stabilize their own populations, we simultaneously advocate the following as a direct benefit within our own borders; to aid in maintaining a balanced ecology; we urge the US Government to enact laws that will extensively reduce immigration. Furthermore, we encourage incentives for all Americans to reduce our overall consumption rate.

Co-authors 1992 Dr Walter J Breckenridge and Richard P Brown (revised 1998, 2004). We recommend this resolution be sent to the US President, Secretary of State, Sec of Interior, and appropriate committees of the US Senate and House of Representatives; also appropriate members of the MN Delegation of Congress. It should then be sent to the 2004 IWLA National Convention for ratification.