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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

JOINT AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES OF ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS, *western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma are richly blessed with prolific and high quality scenic streams and lakes; and*

WHEREAS, *these streams and lakes serve as focal points for a vibrant tourism and recreation industry; and*

WHEREAS, *it is in the best interests of the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma to work together in addressing common environmental problems in this region; and*

WHEREAS, *natural and man-made pollution is threatening the streams and lakes of this region; and*

WHEREAS, *economic growth, particularly agribusiness, has become increasingly vital to the economies of western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma; and*

WHEREAS, *concurrent and coordinated actions by the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma will be critical to the successful protection of the environment and continued fostering of economic development in this region; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *by the Governor of the State of Arkansas and the Governor of the State of Oklahoma:*

Section 1. An Arkansas/Oklahoma Environmental Task Force shall be created consisting of six representatives appointed by the Governor of Arkansas and six representatives appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma. Two of the six representatives from each state shall be members of the legislative branch with one representing the Senate and one representing the House. The mission of the Environmental Task Force shall be to:

a. Identify common areas of environmental concern, identify potential long-term solutions to shared environmental problems, and report recommendations annually for appropriate action to the Governors of Arkansas and Oklahoma; and

b. Investigate the potential for formalizing the Environmental Task Force under the auspices of the Arkansas/Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission, and provide the Governors of Arkansas and Oklahoma recommendations on appropriate action by December 31, 1992.

Section 2. The Environmental Task Force shall meet within 30 days following the signing of this agreement by the Governors of Arkansas and Oklahoma to prescribe its rules of organization and to commence work on its objectives. Future meetings of the Environmental Task Force shall be held at such intervals and at such locations as its members may decide; provided, the Task Force shall meet no less than semi-annually.

SO BE IT RESOLVED this 8th day of February, 1992.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Bill Clinton

ATTEST:

Secretary of State of Arkansas

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

David Walters

ATTEST:

John Kennedy

Secretary of State of Oklahoma