Certification of Appreciation

Dr. Robert Bardon North Carolina State University

*Whereas* The IUFRO Extension and Knowledge Exchange (EKE) Working Party met in Padova Italy for a conference titled *"Forest Knowledge Exchange Advancing Innovation with Tradition"* on October 8-12, 2023.

And

*Whereas* IUFRO EKE promotes professional development and collaboration on an international level for opportunity for those whose profession and/or interests in working in the professions of forestry Extension, outreach, communications or related fields and whereas Dr. Bardon has exemplified this very purpose through accepting the challenge of herding an international team of cats from Ireland, Italy, Slovenia and the US to accomplish the singular goal of coming together for several days of learning and networking.

And

*Whereas* Dr. Bardon with his even keel and temper managed many of the difficult 'behind the scenes' components of the conference, up to and continuing, most likely, well beyond the conference ending point!

*Be it* officially noted that the membership of IUFRO EKE extend their warmest appreciation and gratitude for a exemplary leadership from Dr. Bardon.