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**SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1078-009**

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**DELEGATION OF MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
AUTHORITY**

**1. PURPOSE**

This Secretary Memorandum delegates authority to the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (Chief) to serve as the Secretary's proxy to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

The Migratory Bird Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 715 – 715s, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct investigations and publish documents related to North American birds and establishes a Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) to approve areas recommended by the Secretary of the Interior for acquisition. The MBCC also approves wetlands conservation projects recommended by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 4401-14.

The MBCC was established to "consider and pass upon any area of land, water, or land and water that may be recommended by the Secretary of the Interior for purchase or rental under this subchapter." 16 U.S.C. § 715a. The MBCC is authorized to locate, survey, and acquire suitable areas of land and water for use as migratory bird reservations and to develop and maintain those areas under the administration of the Secretary of the Interior. 16 U.S.C. § 715k. In addition, the Act authorizes the MBCC to conduct investigations and produce publications relating to North American birds. *Id.*

**2. DELEGATIONS**

I hereby delegate to the Chief authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture to represent the Department and serve as the Secretary's proxy to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

### 3. EXISTING DIRECTIVES

Prior delegations of authority, administrative regulations, and other directives not inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum will remain in full force and effect.

### 4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum is effective immediately and will remain in effect until January 20, 2029.

/s/ Brooke L. Rollins  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture