## SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING 2020 MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

<u>Michael French</u> (by Janet Levy, with information from Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists, the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, and *Louisville Courier-Journal*)

Whereas, Michael French and his beloved dog Harvey were tragically killed on the next to last day of 2019; and

Whereas, Michael French was interested in archaeology from the time of his childhood in Arkansas, earning a M.A. in Archaeology from the University of Kentucky with a thesis that focused on the Early Archaic; and

Whereas, Michael, an RPA, conducted excellent archaeological research with government agencies and CRM firms throughout the eastern U.S., ending with the firm Wood (formerly AMEC Foster Wheeler); and

Whereas, Michael supported public engagement with archaeology through outreach with the Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists and other organizations; and

Whereas, Michael was devoted to his church and maintained a great passion for social justice and helping others, especially those on the margins of society; and

Whereas, Michael also loved the outdoors and running and walking in the woods; then

Therefore, be it resolved, the Southeastern Archaeological Conference honors Michael's contributions to archaeology and to making the world a better place, and expresses our condolences to Heather, Sophia, Lydia, and Isaac, and to his mother and siblings and extended family, and to his many friends.