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Allowing Disabled Members to Vote at the Conservation Congress using their DNR Numbers

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WHEREAS, The Conservation Congress encourages equal treatment regardless of race, age, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, arrest, conviction, veteran status or political affiliation.

WHEREAS, any 18 year old or older citizen of the county where a Conservation Congress County meeting is being held may vote on resolutions and delegates.

WHEREAS, at present there is no protocol in place to allow members of Conservation Congress to vote from home under any circumstances. We feel as though this creates discrimination for those who are disabled, yet still would like to participate in advocacy with regards to our natural resources.

WHEREAS, disabled citizens deserve the right to vote on Conservation Congress issues, as long as they are verified by the Department of Natural Resources.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its Spring meeting held in **Wood County** on **April, 16, 2007** recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes and infrastructure that would allow disabled members of the Conservation Congress to vote at home using a DNR supplied number.

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