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Title: Declining Deer Population

The Problem:

The Department of Natural Resources has continued to overestimate the deer population throughout the state. In doing so, many hunting seasons and methods are used to deplete the remaining herd.

The DNR has continued to issue countless doe permits while the public objects to the deer herd numbers estimated by the DNR.

The DNR continues to issue doe permits while their own science shows the herd could be in trouble (Winter Index Survey).

The help protect our greatest natural resource, there has to be a better system of checks and balances. We need a system that won't be interfered with by lobbyists, or other special interest groups.

Who better to help protect this natural resource than the people who live, work, and hunt in each county.

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Oneida County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the DNR to take action to correct this problem by introducing legislation to mandate the Department to follow the advice of the voting attendees at each Spring Hearing throughout the State concerning the issuance of doe tags for each county and or each deer management unit within that county.

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