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Vilas County Resolution Number _____

Title:

Establish Wisconsin Deer Hunting Seasons based on geographically dissimilar portions of the State

The Problem:

Various Wisconsin user groups and businesses are increasingly at conflict over management of the States resources and their time of allowed use. These conflicts are producing negative impacts in user groups within the state and are hurting Wisconsin tourism and business. Bow hunters, gun hunters, snowmobilers, and tourism businesses are becoming frustrated with these conflicts.

Whereas:

Wisconsin has significantly different climates with Northern areas of the state having substantially different weather patterns than Southern portions of the state.

Businesses in the Northern portion of the state depend on tourism for their success; the business level in the general community effects the jobs and livelihood of individuals.

All Snowmobile trails in counties in the Northern part of the state must remain closed during *any* gun deer seasons due to private, county, and federal land trail closures during these seasons.

Adjacent states, such as Minnesota, have similar geographical/weather differences and manage separate deer hunting seasons in order to accommodate the coordination of user groups and to allow for better deer herd management.

Wisconsin has geographical and time separated hunting seasons for many other species and has had time separated gun deer hunting seasons for many years.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Conservation Congress at it's annual meeting in Vilas County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the DNR introduce a rule change allowing the establishment of different gun deer seasons with a minimum of two separate seasons, and a separation occurring at Wisconsin Highway 8 and/or other appropriate location(s).

And be it further resolved that:

The DNR utilize the separation of these deer-hunting seasons to negotiate with and mitigate conflicts between user groups and to coordinate use of Wisconsin's resources.

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