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Title: Safety and Deer Hunting with Firearms

The Problem:

Public safety as it relates to hunting with firearms is a statewide priority. This is especially true during the fall gun hunting season of the state's deer herd. Public safety is threatened even more where public gun hunting lands adjoin populated residential properties in villages and towns.

Deer hunting with firearms is expected to continue in the State of Wisconsin.

At present there is no state law addressing public safety when public gun hunting land borders villages and towns that are residentially occupied. We feel that in the above situations, public hunting with firearms should be discontinued, and instead become archery only hunting areas.

Wisconsin residents and their immediate families, living in areas as described above, are at risk not only for their personal safety, but that of their guests, pets and physical property such as outbuildings, vehicles and the home itself.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting held in Columbia County on April 12, 2010 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes to allow archery hunting only on public hunting lands that adjoin populated residential areas of villages and towns.

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