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TO: Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Annual Meeting – Richland County – District 9
April 12, 2010

PROPOSAL: Put the CAT (the Foreign Animal) on the UNPROTECTED LIST. This would protect the Song Birds and Natural Predators of Wisconsin from extermination.

According to an article in the December, 1996 issue of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, by John S. Coleman and Stanley A. Temple: The number of barn cats and outside cats maybe as high as 2,000,000. In rural Wisconsin, cat densities reach 114 animals/sq mile; 9 cats/acre. Small mammals, like mice and voles, make up 70% of the Cats diet. Birds constitute 20% of their kills. A mixture of other animals constitute the other 10%. Their Research suggests, Free-ranging cats, may be Killing up to 219 Million birds in the State of Wisconsin. "Our 4 year study of Cat Predation in Wisconsin, reveals, 1.4-2 million free-ranging cats in Rural Wisconsin. 23% of their diet consists of Birds".

If the cat is killing 200 Million Birds in the State, and that is 30% of the Cats diet; then the Small Mammals has to be 400 Million, = 600 Million meals being taken away from the Natural Predator, to maybe 1 Billion: (600 meals X 2,000,000 Feral Cats)

Where as: Putting the Cat on The Unprotected List, we could eliminate the Feral Cat (the Foreign animal) from Our State.

Where as: It is my Understanding, South Dakota and Minnesota have put the Cat on their Unprotected List

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting in Richland County, on April 12, 2010, votes to put the Cat on the Unprotected List.

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