

Citizen Resolution # 04-03-15

Feeding Deer in severe winters

Northern Wisconsin has just gone through two severe winters in a row. Many deer starved. The harvest of deer in Northern Wisconsin will be down for several years or perhaps many years. The financial impact on businesses and their employees is tremendous. A stable number of deer in Northern Wisconsin allows businesses to plan for their winters. It does not seem a very humane way to control deer herds by starvation. It does not make too much sense to plant food plots for hunting season and immediately abandon the deer after season to starve when winter starts.

Be it Resolved, that on the annual meeting of the Conservation Congress and the DNR on April 13, 2015, deer licenses shall be increased by a \$2.00 charge on all deer licenses. This money will create a pool of money that can be used to feed deer in severe winters. When this pool reaches an agreed amount the excess will be used to create food plots of browse and white cedar that deer can reach in their winter deer yards. The winter feeding will start when the winter severity index reaches 80. Citizens shall be able to feed at the same time as the severity reaches 80.

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