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LA CROSSE COUNTY RESOLUTION No. 32-2-2015

Whereas, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been expanding and increasing in frequency throughout the state and Driftless area, and

Whereas, there have been four CWD-positive deer found in Northeastern Iowa over the past two years immediately across the Mississippi River from Crawford and Vernon Counties, and

Whereas, this infection likely originated in Wisconsin but the disease status in western Crawford and Vernon Counties is unknown because of inadequate sampling by the WDNR, and

Whereas, the CWD incidence rate for Wisconsin deer sampled in 2014 reached an all-time high of 6.1% with rates reaching 15% in some areas of Dane, Iowa and Sauk Counties and adult buck rates reaching 25 – 40%, and

Whereas, the current passive approach to CWD management and inadequate sampling by the WDNR will assure that CWD will soon reach La Crosse County and spread throughout the state with potential to severely damage the state's deer herd and our deer hunting heritage,

Therefore be it resolved, that La Crosse County on April 13, 2015 requests that the Conservation Congress work with the Natural Resources Board and WDNR to bring together CWD experts and other interest groups to determine the best course of action that can be implemented in order to slow and reverse the spread of CWD and protect Wisconsin's deer herd.

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