Citizen Resolution # 370415

(For Hearing Officer completion)

Abolishment of 16 day 1:00 p.m. Closure in Mead Wildlife Area

Each year the Conservation Congress accepts written resolutions from the public, in each county throughout the state regarding natural resource issues of statewide concern. These resolutions are introduced by the public in attendance during the Conservation Congress county meeting that is held annually in conjunction with the DNR Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings in April.

In order for a resolution to be accepted for further consideration by the Conservation Congress and for public vote at the annual Conservation Congress county meeting, all resolutions introduced must meet the following requirements:

1. The concern must be of statewide impact.
2. The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
3. The resolution must have a clear title.
4. The resolution must clearly define the concern.
5. Current state statutes and laws must be considered, with reasonable cause for change being presented.
6. The resolution must clearly suggest a solution to the concern and a description of further action desired.

There is a current 16 day 1:00 p.m. closure in the mead wildlife area for duck hunting. This 1:00 p.m. closure does not allow the average 40 hour working man/woman to hunt the mead wildlife for the first 16 days of the duck hunting season. A study conducted by the Mead Wildlife/McMillan Marsh personnel throughout the 2014 duck hunting season, found that a majority of hunters are NOT in favor of the 1:00 p.m. closure. Currently there are a multitude of refuges located throughout the Mead Wildlife Area offering safe harbor for waterfowl, and other wildlife.

BE IT RESOLVED, The Conservation Congress, in conjunction with Wisconsin duck hunters; abolish the 16 day 1:00 p.m. closure in the Mead Wildlife Area.

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Please print your resolution on 8 ½ X 11 white paper (one-sided) and provide the WCC County Chair with TWO COPIES at the spring hearing. Only the individual author or designated representative may present the resolution. The author or designated representative must be present at the time the resolution is introduced. No more than two resolutions may be introduced by any person during the Congress portion of the spring hearings.