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Resolution- In support of in lieu of taxes for Stewardship program

Whereas, the Stewardship program preserves thousands of acres of critical habitat for us and future generations, and

Whereas, these lands provide access to outdoor recreation including hunting and fishing to all citizens of the state regardless of where they live, and

Whereas, the Walker budget bill fully funds stewardship but would cripple implementation via elimination of state payments to local governments in lieu of taxes, and

Whereas, local governments will be forced to block most if not all state land purchases, and

Whereas, this change undermines resource protection, local governments, and willing owners that want to see their good land stewardship preserved for future generations, and

Whereas, in order to preserve the function, spirit, and legacy of Stewardship,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Door County on April 11, 2011 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department and elected officials to restore payments in lieu of taxes for state land purchases.

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