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Problem: Increased prevalence of Chronic Wasting Disease in the Southern Farmland Zone

According to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources estimates, the prevalence of Chronic Wasting Disease has increased in the Southern Farmland Zone. In one 144 square mile area in Iowa County, 40 percent of antlered deer that are two-and-one-half years old and older have tested positive for CWD. Just less than 20 percent of mature antlerless deer tested positive in the same area.

Resolution:

Whereas, the prevalence of Chronic Wasting Disease in the Southern Farmland Zone has been documented at 40 percent of antlered deer two-and-one-half years old and older in one 144 square-mile area of north central Iowa County; and,

Whereas, antlered deer have been determined to be the most likely carriers of CWD; and,

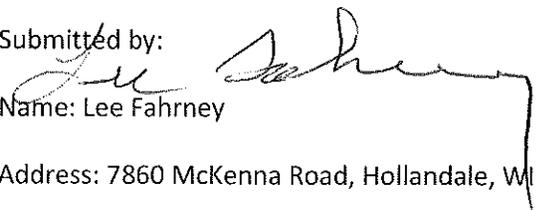
Whereas, the Bonus Buck and the Earn-a-Buck programs have been removed from the tool box; and,

Whereas, hunters are no longer allowed to harvest an antlered deer during the Holiday Hunt; and,

Whereas, for relatives and friends of Wisconsin residents, the Holiday Hunt may be their only opportunity to enjoy the excitement of hunting with family and friends,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress at its annual spring hearing meeting held in Iowa County urges Conservation Congress officials, the WDNR and the Natural Resources Board work with the Wisconsin Legislature to reestablish the opportunity to hunt for antlered deer during the Holiday Hunt.

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