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TOPIC: Age for antlerless youth tags in the Northern Forest Zone.

PROBLEM: The deer herd in the Northern Forest Zone has been negatively impacted by several factors in recent years that has resulted in a lower than acceptable deer population. One of the factors that has contributed to the slower than anticipated recovery of the deer herd has been the popularity of youth hunting for antlerless deer in the Northern Forest Zone. Currently, the law enables youth hunters to harvest an antlerless deer with their gun AND with their bow starting at age 10 and continuing to age 18. This could result in each youth hunter harvesting 16 antlerless deer while they are still under the jurisdiction of youth hunting laws. The law also requires that youth hunters only need to hunt with a mentor until age 14. Last year in Taylor County over 700 antlerless deer were harvested as a result of this law. This makes it very difficult for the county deer advisory teams and the DNR to properly manage the antlerless deer harvest in the Northern Forest Zone.

QUESTION: Be it resolved that on April 11, 2016 the Taylor County Conservation Congress supported allowing youth hunters in the Northern Forest Zone to harvest antlerless deer under the youth permits until age 14.

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