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Citizen Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_

## End the Hunting of Coyotes with Dogs

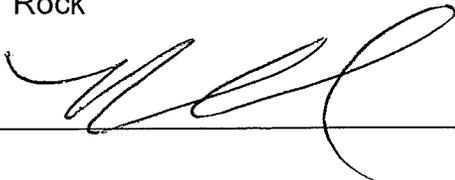
The current Wisconsin law allowing coyote hunting with dogs needs to be repealed. This is not an anti-hunting statement but a reasonable request for safety and respect of all neighbors. Large tracts of land are needed to hunt with dogs. Most farm lands are being reduced in size and dogs have no way of knowing if they are trespassing on private land whose owners do not allow this kind of hunt. The coyote hound dog hunters are taking away the rights of property owners to manage coyotes on their own land.

Numerous complaint calls to law enforcement demonstrate the lack of compliance by coyote-hound dog hunters who do not request permission to hunt private property. Law enforcement time and money should not be wasted on these nuisances. The sport has become dangerous to landowners, drivers and passers-by. Long range shooting, vehicles chasing about, herds of deer run across public highways are all issues that point to safety concerns. Serious altercations have increased. A WI man was killed a year ago by coyote hound hunters as well. Many property owners, hunters and others who are outdoors enjoy the quiet that hound dog hunting does not allow. The DNR does not have the money to pursue unethical hunters. Law enforcement should not be used this way. Respect of property owners and people using the outdoors needs to be restored.

We should end the practice of coyote hunting with dogs before it becomes an ever more dangerous public safety risk.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress work with the Department to end the practice of coyote hunting with dogs.

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