

**Conservation Congress  
Bonus Turkey Tag Purchasing Referendum**

**Problem:** When left over turkey permits become available for purchase in March, the computer becomes overwhelmed and has a history of crashing, or operating slowly. Wisconsin now has over 550,000 turkeys, making it well into the top 10 turkey states in the United States. Hunters from around the country are coming to Wisconsin because of its abundant turkey population. With over 40,000 extra tags being offered for sale on a first come - first serve basis, at a very reasonable price to non-residents (\$15 - if second tag), it is no wonder the computer can't handle the load.

**Where as:** By giving Wisconsin residents the ability to purchase a left-over turkey tag one day before non-residents, the computer load would be easier to handle. Wisconsin residents would be able to purchase left-over turkey tags starting on the third Thursday in March, starting at 10:00 AM, and non-residents would be able to start purchasing left-over tags starting one day later at 10:00 AM.

**Where as:** The computer system would be less likely to crash with a decrease workload. Wisconsin resident tax payers financially support the DNR and should have first chance at these highly sought after tags.

**Therefore be it resolved:** That we the people of Douglas County, Wisconsin request that the left-over turkey tags are available for purchase by Wisconsin residents one day prior to non-residents.

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