

Citizen Resolution # 050121

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Maintain the Tradition of In-Person “Hands-On” Hunter Education Classes

Whereas, Hunter Education has been a fixture in Wisconsin since 1967, Whereas, the people of Wisconsin expect hunters, of any age, to practice safe gun handling skills,

Whereas, volunteer instructors continue to train over 21,000 new hunters each year; since the program began, over 1.2 million hunters have been certified, Whereas, in 1966 there were 264 hunting incidents, down to an average of 20/year from 2010-2020,

Whereas, Wisconsin presently has “hands-on” training options available to the public to meet their schedules, so no additional costs to Wisconsin will be incurred, Whereas, the importance of engaging students in “hands-on” learning, including the four safety rules which are: Treat every firearm as if it is loaded; Always point the muzzle in a safe direction; Be certain of your target, what’s in front & beyond; Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot, is of paramount importance,

Whereas, retention of material learned solely from a computer only based course is minimal for many. This "hands on" training will assure the public that these new hunters were properly evaluated and certified in safe firearm handling practices. It is recommended that any new hunter under the age of 18, be required to take a “hands-on” safety course. It is also recommended that any adult, new to hunting with firearms, be strongly encouraged to take a “hands-on” safety course."

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress, in an effort to continue the reduction of hunting incidents, work with the NRB and State Legislature to mandate that any new hunter under the age of 18 be required to take an in-person, “hands-on” safety course.

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