## Citizen Resolution # 210122

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## **Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Authorizations Random Drawing**

The problem: The current system of awarding bonus antlerless deer harvest authorizations/tags on a first-come first-served basis in counties with limited available tags (not issued with licenses) is biased against those applicants who are unable to access computers, smart phones, or visit a sporting goods retail establishment that offers such service. Persons who are employed at jobs where they are unable to login to the application system or visit license outlets at a precise time of day, persons who do not possess the required technology, or are not as technologically adept (especially the elderly) are at a definite disadvantage in the application process. The solution: The department should award bonus antlerless deer harvest authorizations through a random drawing system similar to that used to award permits for bear, bobcat, wolf, fisher, turkey and elk tags. Changing to a draw system similar to that used for other limited harvest opportunities would eliminate those disadvantages and make the system equitable to all. BE IT RESOLVED that the Forest County Conservation Congress recommends the following question be presented on the online spring hearings in April, 2022.

Would you support a process to award Bonus Antlerless Deer Harvest Authorizations via a random drawing system similar to systems currently in use for bobcat, elk, turkey, wolf, fisher, and bear in counties with limited available authorizations?

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