## Citizen Resolution # 451022

(For Hearing Officer completion)

## **Hunting and Trapping in State Parks**

ISSUE The state has allowed hunting and trapping in parks since 2012, however, prior to that, it had been outlawed. In 2020 more than 20 million people enjoyed these parks and it is far too dangerous to continue to allow hunting and trapping any further. Although park-goers are able and encouraged to wear blaze orange, we can not be certain of their safety. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the Journal Sentinel states the state park attendance has increased by 15% and is still growing. Park pass sales have grown a total of \$2.65 M from \$12.45 M in 2019 to \$15.1 M in 2021. We, as a state, can not ensure the safety of these visitors while we allow hunting and trapping in our parks.

## Should the state of Wisconsin prohibit hunting and trapping in Wisconsin State Parks?

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