Citizen Resolution # 670522

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Pheasant Hunting - Orange Hat at minimum required all season

For pheasant hunting – I fully understand that during any firearm season – it is required on public lands to have your body 50% covered in blaze orange, including pheasant hunting. But what about the rest of the pheasant season when firearm season isn't open? It was a huge safety concern on my and my dogs end this year on public land, and many others that I talked with. I believe at minimum a blaze orange hat should be worn year-round for the pheasant season. If safety is a main focus – I don't see why this isn't a good idea for everyone involved, state wide. This is practical, achievable, and a very reasonable request. There is no advantage in pheasant hunting wearing all camouflage. I've walked into a dozen guys this year, wearing all camo bird hunting with their dog. It is a huge safety concern not knowing they are 50-100 yards in front of you. And every time they would apologize for not wearing orange and being visible. Let's set the standard for the future and keep everyone a little bit safer out there!

Would you support changing state wide regulations of having to wear at minimum a blaze orange hat during the entire pheasant hunting season?

Additional Information provided by author:

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT TO SAFETY USING FIREARMS ---This is a very big step in improving safety among hunters - if we have the opportunity to improve safety with such a practical and achievable solution, why wouldn't we?

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