

Proposed Resolution #D
Requires 2/3rds Majority

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MUCC Region: 9
Proposed: December 5, 2020 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Convenient Low or No Cost CWD Testing

1 **WHEREAS**, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is an invariably fatal disease in deer; and,
2 **WHEREAS**, to date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in people. However, some
3 animal studies suggest CWD poses a risk to certain types of non-human primates, like monkeys, that eat
4 meat from [CWD-infected animals](#) or come in contact with brain or body fluids from infected deer or elk;
5 and,
6 **WHEREAS**, the CDC and World Health Organization do not recommend consuming untested venison
7 from areas of known CWD infection.; and,
8 **WHEREAS**, in the 2019 Harvest Survey 82% of hunters agreed that the CWD status of harvested deer
9 was important to them; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, in the 2019 Harvest Survey 45% agreed that knowing the CWD status of harvested deer is
11 critical to their decision to hunt; and,
12 **WHEREAS**, CWD testing data can provide valuable information on prevalence rates by age and sex of
13 deer and the spread of CWD within Michigan; NOW,
14 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs encourage and support
15 the funding and provision of convenient, low or no cost testing for Chronic Wasting Disease in known
16 CWD areas of Michigan.