

Substitute Resolution 2-A
Requires 2/3rd Majority

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MUCC Region: 8
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Title: **RESOLUTION TO ALLOW TRACKING DOGS TO BE OFF LEASH
WHILE TRACKING BIG GAME ANIMALS**

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 2.1a of the Michigan Wildlife Conservation order governs the use of dogs to track
2 wounded big game animal; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Data collected by Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds Tracking Club indicates substantially
4 improved success rates for the ethical recovery of wounded big game animals for trackers who operate off
5 lead; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Initial research shows no major violations of tracking laws in states currently allowing off
7 lead tracking; now

8 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an initiative to
9 amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide added definition to the current regulations
10 governing the use of dogs to track wounded big game animals; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an initiative to
12 amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide language to permit registered trackers to
13 operate one dog at a time off lead, for the specific goal of recovering legally hunted big game animals;
14 and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and work with the
16 State Legislature to amend any laws contradictory to the purposes of the above suggested changes
17 regarding the use of dogs to track wounded big game animals.

