

Substitute Resolution 2-B
Requires 2/3rd Majority

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MUCC Region: 8
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Title: **RESOLUTION TO ALLOW REGISTERED TRACKERS TO DISPATCH
WOUNDED BIG GAME ANIMALS**

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

WHEREAS, the moral duty to ethically end the suffering of wounded animals and the safety of trackers, hunters, and dogs participating in tracking will be improved by allowing trackers to dispatch an already wounded, legally hunted big game animal; and

WHEREAS, Initial research shows no major violations of tracking laws in states currently allowing tracker dispatch; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an initiative to amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide or remove language to permit registered trackers to dispatch a wounded, legally hunted big game animal for the specific goal of recovering or ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big game animals in two specific cases in two specific cases: (1) the licensed hunter is unable to walk through a dense wooded area or is unable to walk due to a temporary or permanent disability or medical condition (2) the life or safety of the tracking dog is in jeopardy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and work with the State Legislature to amend any laws contradictory to the purposes of the above suggested changes; and to provide exceptions for the specific goal of recovering or ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big game animal.