

Substitute Resolution 2-A
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Michael Riepen, Et al., Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds Tracking Club
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: June 22, 2019 Annual Convention
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.

Substitute Resolution 2-B
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Michael Riepen, Et al., Michigan Deer Track'n Hounds Tracking Club
MUCC Region: 8
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Title: **RESOLUTION TO ALLOW REGISTERED TRACKERS TO DISPATCH WOUNDED BIG GAME ANIMALS**

18 **WHEREAS**, Section 2.1a of the Michigan Wildlife Conservation order governs the use of dogs to track
19 wounded big game animal; and
20 **WHEREAS**, the moral duty to ethically end the suffering of wounded animals and the safety of trackers,
21 hunters, and dogs participating in tracking will be improved by allowing trackers to dispatch an already
22 wounded, legally hunted big game animal; and
23 **WHEREAS**, Initial research shows no major violations of tracking laws in states currently allowing
24 tracker dispatch; now
25 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support an initiative to
26 amend the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order to provide or remove language to permit registered
27 trackers to dispatch a wounded, legally hunted big game animal for the specific goal of recovering or
28 ending the suffering of already wounded, legally hunted big game animals in two specific cases in two
29 specific cases: (1) the licensed hunter is unable to walk through a dense wooded area or is unable to walk
30 due to a temporary or permanent disability or medical condition (2) the life or safety of the tracking dog is
31 in jeopardy; and
32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs support and work with the
33 State Legislature to amend any laws contradictory to the purposes of the above suggested changes; and to
34 provide exceptions for the specific goal of recovering or ending the suffering of already wounded, legally
35 hunted big game animal.

