

Resolution #13

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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.