

Resolution #10
Required $\frac{2}{3}$ Majority
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, June 25, 2022

Submitted by: Michigan Resource Stewards
MUCC region: 9
Proposed: Passed May 4, 2022 Executive Board Meeting
Title: Reaffirmation of MUCC's dedication and belief in Proposal G and an independent, transparent Natural Resources Commission.

1. **WHEREAS:** MUCC was founded in 1937 to insulate our state's game, fish, minerals, air, water, forests, and
2. land resources of the state from politics; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** throughout its history, MUCC has been the watchdog over the Michigan Department of Natural
4. Resources (MDNR), ensuring decisions which affect the natural resources are made with public participation
5. and based on professional scientific management of fish and wildlife resources; and,
6. **WHEREAS:** it is important that the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and the MDNR provide for full
7. and complete public notice, access and participation to meetings, deliberations and decisions affecting our
8. natural resources; and,
9. **WHEREAS:** MUCC has long affirmed that the Natural Resources Commission should have broad authority
10. for the control, management, restoration, conservation, and regulation of bird, fish, game, and all wildlife
11. resources of the state; and,
12. **WHEREAS:** MUCC and other conservation, hunting, trapping, and angling groups worked to draft and pass
13. Proposal G in 1996; and,
14. **WHEREAS:** Proposal G amended the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to grant
15. the NRC exclusive authority to regulate the manner and method of take of game species; and,
16. **WHEREAS:** Proposal G was passed by Michigan voters with an overwhelming 68.7% of the vote; and,
17. **WHEREAS:** The Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act is a 2014 law initiated by petition and enacted
18. by the Legislature that reenacted many provisions of several Public Acts regarding hunting and fishing that had
19. been invalidated by referendum or judicial action; and,

20. **WHEREAS:** the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act preserved the legacy of Proposal G and
21. expanded the authority of the NRC; and,
22. **WHEREAS:** The MDNR, under this administration, has made repeated and continued attempts to separate
23. authority from the NRC, citing MCL 324.40107, which runs contrary to the intent and spirit of Proposal
24. G; and,
25. **WHEREAS:** Since the passage of Proposal G in 1996, this is the first administration to publicly separate
26. authority in such a manner; NOW,
27. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That MUCC take action to ensure Proposal G's original intent is upheld.