

Proposed Resolution #B
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Proposed: December 7, 2024 CPB Meeting

Title: Eliminate the mandatory hunter orange rule

1. **WHEREAS:** all firearm hunters would be able to hunt in the garment of their choice, and;
2. **WHEREAS:** the increased size of the deer herd makes it difficult for hunters practicing
3. Quality Deer Management to keep from being spotted while in a tree stand, ladder
4. stand, or sitting on the ground, and;
5. **WHEREAS:** although deer are color blind, they can spot lighter shapes that stand out in the
6. woods, and;
7. **WHEREAS:** most conservation officers who encounter and approach armed
8. hunters during firearm hunting seasons do not wear orange while performing their job
9. afield, and;
10. **WHEREAS:** wearing hunter orange should be voluntary and not mandatory, and;
11. **WHEREAS:** the large turkey population in the state makes it difficult to sit without being
12. spotted while wearing orange. Turkeys are not color blind and when they spook and take
13. off they can spook deer in the area, and;
14. **WHEREAS:** when this law was enacted, there were many more hunters in Michigan. With
15. far fewer hunters afield, hunters are less likely to encounter other hunters, and;
16. **WHEREAS:** hunting methods have changed over the years. Very few hunters perform deer
17. drives like they did during the 1970s. Most hunters utilize some form of elevated hunting
18. today, and;
19. **WHEREAS:** many if not most hunters remove their orange while sitting, thus making
20. otherwise, honest hunters' violators, even on their own private land, and;
21. **WHEREAS:** the hunter orange law is now obsolete and needs to be made voluntary, this
22. law discriminates against hunters and hunters only, NOW;
23. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the
24. Department of Natural Resources, and Natural Resources Commission, and the Michigan
25. Legislature if necessary to change the mandatory hunter orange rule to a voluntary rule.