

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION
QUARTERLY MEETING

December 10, 2016

Resolution #7

Belle Plaine, Minnesota

**Support DNR angler & hunter recruitment and retention efforts from the August 2016
DNR Summit**

WHEREAS, there is a need to collaborate with other successful youth mentor organizations, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to organize a statewide speaker's bureau made up of a diverse set of people including women, ethnic, racial, and cultural minority diversity, and

WHEREAS, this speaker's bureau would be set up regionally to integrate into school class rooms as guest speakers advocating for conservation, promoting angling and hunting, as well as, advocating for other conservation benefits, job opportunities, volunteer roles in conservation, and future possibilities for youth to be involved in by creating a conservation curriculum, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reach out to people of color and women to get them involved in conservation issues and experiences such as camping, hiking, fishing, trapshooting, making wood duck boxes, and kayaking, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a hands on experiences in the outdoors for recruits to participate in programs like the Becoming an Outdoor Woman, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a social media presence including Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram in order to set up sustainable marketing efforts for youth to participate, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to give the Advanced Hunter Education Program autonomy separate from enforcement with its own budget, director, and staff, and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Minnesota Conservation Federation meeting at its quarterly meeting on December 10, 2016 strongly urge the Governor, DNR, and Legislature to move the Advanced Hunter Education Program from the DNR Enforcement Division to the DNR Commissioner's office in order to guarantee hand-on priority by the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor strongly fund the Advanced Hunter Education Program in his 2018-10 budget and the State Legislature fully funds the needs of the program and effort.

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