

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION  
ANNUAL MEETING

September 14, 2014

Resolution #5

Deerwood, Minnesota

Change Federal Law to allow use of Pittman-Robertson Funds to Establish, Improve, and Expand Shooting Range in Minnesota and other States

WHEREAS, the interest in clay shooting ranges has never been higher in Minnesota and other states due to increased number of high school league shooters, and

WHEREAS, these new young shooters need to practice and participate in league play in local neighborhood clay shooting ranges in the immediate area, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has over 400 active shooting ranges across Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, most of the state's current shooting ranges cooperate with local schools and shooting leagues to protect access and opportunity to young shooters, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota state legislature passed legislation in 2014 to clearly establish authority for the DNR to operate a shooting range grant program that provides for improvements to shooting ranges in the state, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota state legislature provided \$2 million in game and fish funds to jump start the shooting range grant program, and

WHEREAS, the needs are great in the state for our shooting ranges in terms of buffering, roads, parking lots, buildings, expansion, etc., and

WHEREAS, the pending federal Sportsmen's Act of 2014(S.2363) contains language that would allow states to use Pittman-Robertson funds to establish public shooting ranges;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Minnesota Conservation Federation meeting at its annual meeting in Deerwood, Minnesota on September 14, encourages Senators Franken and Klobuchar to support S.2363 and encourages the Minnesota House congressional members to support a similar effort in the House.

Submitted by