

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING

September 8, 2013

Resolution #3

Owatonna, Minnesota

Minnesota Shooting Range Capital Needs

WHEREAS, since the 1970's Minnesota has built and grown a top notch shooting range program, and

WHEREAS, the DNR lists 415 shooting ranges in all counties of the state on its website, and

WHEREAS, shooting ranges provide firearm safety classes for young hunters and others, training and practice for police and other enforcement units across the state, and recreational opportunities and training for adult male and female hunters, and

WHEREAS, shooting ranges provide for trap shooting opportunities for the Minnesota High School Clay Target League, and

WHEREAS, since 1999 the LCMR/LCCMR has provided over \$1.5 million in matching funds to over 115 Minnesota shooting ranges open for public use, and

WHEREAS, the state legislature passed new performance standards for shooting ranges in 2005, and

WHEREAS, many of the state's shooting ranges are in need of improvements to buildings, roads, parking lots, and the range(s) themselves, as well as, new buildings and new shooting ranges being planned across the state, and

WHEREAS, many of the state's shooting ranges are finding it extremely difficult to obtain the dollars needed to make improvements for safety, dust and noise control, and proper buffering from urban sprawl;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Minnesota Conservation Federation meeting at its annual meeting in Owatonna, Minnesota on September 8, 2013 encourage Governor Dayton and the state legislative leaders to explore options for increased matching funding for shooting ranges in order to make needed improvements to buildings, roads, parking lots, and the ranges themselves.

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