

STATEWIDE BOUNTY of COYOTES in WISCONSIN

- WHERE AS: the statewide population of coyotes has risen drastically in the past ten years with population estimates of over 40,000 animals;
- WHERE AS: coyotes have a life span of 6-8 yrs., reproduce with 5-7 pups each year, reproduce as young as 1 yr. of age and;
- WHERE AS: current year- long hunting opportunities have not slowed down their rate of population growth even with an expansion in predator hunting practices and;
- WHERE AS: a pack of coyotes can cover a 6-8 mile area and are predators of rabbits, grouse, turkey and young fawns and;
- WHERE AS: hunting in packs gives them the ability to harvest adult deer and agricultural livestock with a greater success and;
- WHERE AS: coyotes have had a significant effect on Wisconsin's deer population. Nationally, coyotes have been reported to have a significant effect on deer populations;
- WHERE AS: over population of coyotes statewide have reached substantial numbers, both affecting natural expansion of the states deer herd and small game communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that at the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on April 13-15, 2012, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation supports a statewide bounty hunt on coyotes in order to lower their population.

THERE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation submit copies of this resolution to the Governor, Legislature, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted,

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