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Thank you for downloading this sample Conservation Congress meeting resolution and instruction sheet!

### **Changes for 2001**

There was an effort this past year to cut down on the length of Conservation Congress meetings. This effort resulted in a reduction in the number of resolutions on the statewide printed ballot.

The good news is that resolutions may *still* be introduced from the floor at individual county meetings with the following restrictions:

- Resolutions must not exceed 250 words, and
- Only two resolutions may be submitted per individual

The resolution on the next page meets the 250-word limit, but if you want to introduce more than two resolutions, you'll need to enlist a friend.

Good luck. And thanks for placing this issue on your county's meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Todd Hanson

RESOLUTION

MINING COMPANIES MUST BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE SAME

WATER QUALITY LAWS ENFORCED ON ALL OTHER BUSINESSES IN OUR STATE

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City-State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

The Problem:

The DNR is required by legislative directive s. 144.025 (2), Stats., to establish water quality standards which "protect public health and welfare and present and prospective future use of such waters..."

However, rules promulgated by the DNR to implement this directive provide an exemption for metallic mining companies by allowing them to exceed federally established Maximum Contamination Levels (MCL's) in mines and mine waste sites [NR 182.075 (1) (a)]. No other type of business is afforded such an exemption. Further, this exemption could negatively impact the quality of waters used by the general public.

To address this discrepancy and to ensure that "water quality standards shall be interpreted to protect the general public interest" [s. 144.025 (2), Stats.], the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in \_\_\_\_\_ County on April \_\_, 200\_\_ asks this question:

The Question:

"Do you believe the exemption provided by NR 182.075 (1) (a) for metallic mining should be done away with so that metallic mining companies, just like any other business, are required to comply with water quality standards within their business operation perimeters and mine sites to ensure protection of the 'public health and welfare and the present and prospective use of public waters'?"

County Vote:                      Yes \_\_\_                      No \_\_\_