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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 to PROTECT THE UPPER WOLF RIVER FROM METALLIC MINING

THE PROBLEM

The State Constitution of Wisconsin provides that its natural resources shall belong to the people and shall be "Held in Trust" by the state, for the people, to be protected and enhanced, used but not abused, so they will be passed on to succeeding generations undiminished in quality or quantity. State and Federal authorities have identified the Upper Wolf River's uniquely scenic and unspoiled wild nature as a resource to which no monetary value can be ascribed. A river must be protected from its headwaters on downstream for once it is degraded it can never be restored. A large metallic mine of high-sulfide ore, near Crandon, is proposed in the Wolf River headwater's vital main aquifer. Tests have confirmed that mine acid drainage would pollute surface and groundwaters forever if the mine was permitted. Citizens have overwhelmingly pleaded with state officials to prohibit it but under heavy pro-mining lobbying the permitting process goes on, violating the State's Trust.

THE SOLUTION:

The State Legislature, the primary TRUSTEE of the People's resources must put special interest politics aside and act now. The people will not sacrifice the pristine waters of the Wolf River to enhance the corporate profits of a foreign mining company.

THE QUESTION:

SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE PROPOSE AND VIROROUSLY SUPPORT LEGISLATION WHICH WILL "PROHIBIT SULFIDE ORE METALLIC MINING IN THE HEADWATERS OF THE WOLF RIVER UPSTREAM FROM THE SHAWANO-MENOMINEE COUNTY LINE, HENCEFORTH"?

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_, 01 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ City-State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_