Uniform Process for Disabled Hunters Using Motor Driven Land Conveyance

WHEREAS the use of motor driven land conveyance is currently prohibited on conservation areas except in special disability situations;

AND WHEREAS there are various degrees of disability which qualify individuals to be considered as disabled;

AND WHEREAS these various degrees are, in certain cases, not determined by a licensed physician;

AND WHEREAS an example of such a case is represented by the 10 deer hunts that are specifically offered each year for disabled hunters in Missouri;

AND WHEREAS in order to use motor driven land conveyance during these 10 deer hunts, hunters must obtain written consent from a physician to be considered for being able to use motor driven land conveyance; however, it is still up to the manager of the conservation area to determine whether they can be allowed to use motor driven land conveyance on that particular conservation area;

AND WHEREAS in certain situations, this limits the opportunity for some disabled hunters to participate in hunting activities;

AND WHEREAS the MDC should consider developing a more uniform process of determining disability for disabled hunters who require the use of motor driven land conveyance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2010 does duly support the Missouri Department of Conservation should consider creating a uniform process for determining disability qualifications for hunters who require motor driven land conveyance.