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**Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
A Resolution Regarding
The Ban on Importation of Ruminants and Ruminant Parts from Canada**

WHEREAS, the recent confirmation of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy in Alberta, Canada resulted in a ban on the importation of ruminants and ruminant parts into the U. S. from Canada; and
WHEREAS, this ban not only applies to domestic livestock but to free-roaming wild ruminants as well; and

WHEREAS, a large number of individuals in the Midwest partake of the hunting tradition in Canada and would be prohibited from bringing their harvest to the U. S.; and

WHEREAS, Canadian Provinces require the marking of all captive cervids for identification and this marking is not present on wild free-roaming cervids; and

WHEREAS, hunters in Canada are required to have the proper licenses and tags to legally harvest an animal and to maintain possession of said licenses and tags while transporting said animal; and

WHEREAS, BSE has not been found in wild free-roaming game,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests that the United States Department of Agriculture conduct an immediate review of the current ban on the importation of ruminants from Canada for the purpose of lifting the ban on wild free-roaming ruminants.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests that the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Interior cooperate with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to conduct this review in an expedited manner.

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Omaha, Nebraska

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