

Resolution of the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency Directors relative to the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease to native, free-ranging white-tailed deer,

WHEREAS:

- 1) Chronic wasting disease is known to occur in seven western states, two Canadian provinces and has recently been documented as far east as Wisconsin,
- 2) White-tailed deer are an important and valuable wildlife resource held in public trust by various state governments,
- 3) CWD is a fatal Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (disease of the central nervous system) affecting the family Cervidae,
- 4) CWD can only be tested by examining the brain tissue of dead animals,
- 5) CWD has a poorly understood transmission and incubation period,
- 6) CWD can be passed between captive and wild, free-ranging cervids,
- 7) Cervid farming has become an increasingly popular alternative livestock practice, and
- 8) CWD has the potential to devastate native, wild white-tailed deer populations,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the thirteen states endorse an immediate moratorium on the importation of all live cervids into any northeastern state.