

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #10

Support Union Sportsman's Alliance

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WHEREAS, thousands of the union members across the state of Illinois and represented by the Illinois AFL-CIO, hunt, fish or shoot during their time away from the job; and

WHEREAS, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance is a nonprofit, Union-dedicated conservation organization for those who hunt, fish, shoot and spend time outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance connects members represented by the Illinois AFL-CIO who share a common passion for hunting, fishing, shooting and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance is uniting the union community to expand and improve hunting and fishing access and wildlife habitat throughout North America; and

WHEREAS, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance is working to accomplish that mission through its Boots on the Ground program, which connects highly-trained Union members with conservation projects in need of skilled volunteers to benefit all of us; and

WHEREAS, through the United Outdoors Conservation Fund, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance provides grants (up to \$10,000 per project) on a competitive basis to union-based organizations, conservations-based, non-profit organizations and agency partners who wish to execute impactful conservation and public access projects or conservation outreach, education and mentoring programs to benefit their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois United Outdoors Conservation Fund has provided conservation funds and skilled labor for projects in Northern Illinois, Central Illinois and Southern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the continued success of the Union Sportsmen's Alliance depends on active participation and support from organizations such as the Illinois AFL-CIO; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates of the 44th Illinois AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention go on record as supporting the mission, and the method, that the Union Sportsmen's Alliance uses to help preserve and protect North America's outdoor heritage; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the local unions represented by the Illinois AFL-CIO are urged to participate in various Union Sportsmen's Alliance events to assist in raising funds to benefit conservations areas in Illinois.