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RESOLUTION #25 OF 2010 **SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION OF CROSS BOW HUNTING BILLS IN THE** **NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the aggressive expansion of hunter choice and opportunity by DEC is needed at a time when hunter retention and recruitment rates are declining at unsustainable rates and;

WHEREAS, for every 100 hunters who permanently quit hunting in New York, only 55 replace them and;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 924 and Senate Bill 6793, bills authorizing Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to promulgate rules for the use of crossbows for hunting in the Empire State, are pending consideration in the Assembly and Senate Environmental Conservation Committees, respectively, and;

WHEREAS, if the DEC chooses to expand crossbow hunting opportunities as authorized by these bills, it will enhance hunter participation and recruitment during the archery season, and;

WHEREAS, in states that have implemented full inclusion of crossbows, participation remains fairly constant into the hunters' seventies, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town Board strongly encourages passage of Assembly Bill 924 and Senate Bill 6793, which authorize the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to promulgate rules for the use of crossbows for hunting in the Empire State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution by the Deerpark Town Board, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor David Paterson, State Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, and to Assemblyman Robert K. Sweeney and Senator Antoine M. Thompson, the Chairmen of the Assembly and Senate Environmental Conservation Committees, respectively.

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