



# Resolution 19-9 For MNGEA / EANGUS Resolutions Process

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Category- Joint

Type Resolution - New

Relating To – hunting and fishing licenses

### Background -

Membership in the National Guard and Reserve is beneficial to the State of Minnesota in countless ways. Reserve Component members are critical to the state. Ready to defend the State and Nation at a moments' notice. Ready for support in natural disasters and any other requests from the Governor, State Legislature, the President and Congress. The members of the Reserve Component take time off from work and schools and leave their Minnesota Homes to respond to state emergency's or other duties as proscribed for minimal pay. To offset the days missed in the field or on the water with family and friends and be an incentive to serve as a citizen Soldier and continue service until retirement.

### Proposed Recommendation -

MNGEA requests state legislature to enact legislation directing Department of Natural Resources to provide reduced fee Hunting and fishing Licenses to National Guard and reservists and retirees.

"The commission shall issue a general fishing license or a general hunting license for a reduced fee to a currently serving or honorably discharged service member, who has served in the armed forces of the United States, including any national guard or reserve component, and who has been a resident of this state for one year or more immediately preceding application for the license. The Commission shall reduce that license fee by ten percent for every four years of the veteran's service" to a level never to exceed a maximum of 100%.

Resolution #: 19-9 Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition: recommend adoption

*Amended to say reduced rate for active service members  
& honorably discharged veterans.*

*Passed as amended*