

**CFM Establishment of an Urban Family
Environmental Education Outreach Task Force**

1 WHEREAS, parents and children in urban and inner-city areas have expressed concerns about going
2 outside safely, due to traffic, crime, and even nature itself;
3 AND WHEREAS, there are many positive benefits to being exposed to nature;
4 AND WHEREAS, parents are generally less educated in regards to the benefits of being exposed to
5 nature;
6 AND WHEREAS, exposure to nature results in improved academic success as well as fewer health
7 complications;
8 AND WHEREAS, children are greatly influenced by their parents;
9 AND WHEREAS, parents and children are more likely to engage in fun activities together;
10 AND WHEREAS, a number of state programs and agencies have family oriented outdoor programs;
11 AND WHEREAS, the creation of an Urban Family Outreach Task Force would increase the number of
12 urban citizens who participate in these programs by monitoring involvement and recommending
13 strategies to increase involvement;
14 AND WHEREAS, this task force would focus on increasing participation in nature education for both
15 the parent and children simultaneously;
16 AND WHEREAS, this increased number of urban participants would benefit all parties involved;
17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
18 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2011 in order to ensure that
19 Urban Families are reached by these programs, 1) surveys its members about their communities'
20 involvement in the Children in Nature Challenge, 2) identifies areas with little or no involvement and
21 3) makes recommendations on how to encourage involvement of those communities.
22 RESOLUTION SUMMARY – CFM calls for the creation of an Urban Family Outreach Task Force.