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WHEREAS Missouri currently is leading the nation in achieving the habitat restoration goals of the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) with the only counties in the nation to meet those goals;

AND WHEREAS a continued effort is necessary to adequately address the goals of the NBCI and achieve those goals in additional counties;

AND WHEREAS MDC leadership and staff have and will continue to change due to recent staff reductions and retirements;

AND WHEREAS MDC staff and their partners are unsure of continued support for quail and grassland bird efforts such as Quail Focus Areas and Quail Emphasis Areas

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri in Annual Convention assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO this 27th day of February, 2010, MDC be requested to reaffirm their commitment to bobwhite quail and grassland songbirds to partners and to MDC staff.