

Eliminating Fescue/Brome from the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

1 **WHEREAS**, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is beneficial in creating wildlife habitat through the
2 use of native warm- season plant species and forbs;

3 **AND WHEREAS**, Cool- season grass species, specifically smooth brome and tall fescue, are
4 insufficient in creating beneficial wildlife habitat;

5 **AND WHEREAS**, Research has shown that native species are more effective in aiding erosion control,
6 water quality, and soil health;

7 **AND WHEREAS**, Native species are sufficient in creating suitable nesting and brood rearing habitat
8 for upland birds and providing quality pollinator habitat;

9 **AND WHEREAS**, Native plant species aid in brood movement by exposing bare soil due to the
10 structure of the plant;

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
12 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 recommend that the
13 United States Department of Agriculture remove smooth brome and tall fescue from all Conservation
14 Reserve Program (CRP) practices.