

Study the Population of the Gray Fox

1 WHEREAS the Conservation Federation of Missouri has been at the forefront of promoting
2 scientific wildlife research;

3 AND WHEREAS such research has been instrumental in the restoration of a number of native
4 species such as deer, turkey, beaver and river otter; just to name a few;

5 AND WHEREAS in the past several decades when the harvest numbers reported in the fur
6 sales records for red fox, bobcats, weasel and spotted skunk, were cause for
7 concern, studies of those species were implemented to assess their status;

8 AND WHEREAS currently a badger study is underway to better define the population status of
9 this species in the state;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
11 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2011 supports an immediate
12 study of the gray fox population status, by the Missouri Department of Conservation, due to low
13 numbers of this species reported in the records of fur sales and the declining populations as indicated by
14 MDC's sign station and bow hunter observation indices.

15 RESOLUTION SUMMARY – Conducting a study of gray fox is in the best interest of Missouri's
16 furbearer resource.