

Spring Archery Turkey Season

1 **WHEREAS** there is currently no specific spring archery turkey season in the state of Missouri;

2 **AND WHEREAS** adding a spring turkey season occurring before the firearm season, will

3 increase the turkey hunting opportunity for the citizens of Missouri;

4 **AND WHEREAS** according to Missouri Department of Conservation, the 2011 hatch was 42

5 percent above the previous years;

6 **AND WHEREAS** turkey populations in Missouri are stable and increasing;

7 **AND WHEREAS** the turkey population will not be negatively affected by a spring archery

8 season;

9 **AND WHEREAS** according to Missouri Department of Conservation, annual archery permit

10 sales have increased over the last five years;

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri

12 assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012

13 recommends a spring archery turkey season for 2013 and following years;