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 increase the turkey hunting opportunity for the citizens of Missouri;
3. AND WHEREAS according to Missouri Department of Conservation, the 2011 hatch was 42 percent above the previous years;
4. AND WHEREAS turkey populations in Missouri are stable and increasing;
5. AND WHEREAS the turkey population will not be negatively affected by a spring archery season;
6. AND WHEREAS according to Missouri Department of Conservation, annual archery permit sales have increased over the last five years;
7. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 recommends a spring archery turkey season for 2013 and following years;