

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2013 Resolutions**

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Implementation of Regional Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems Programs

1 **WHEREAS**, Southwest Missouri holds a Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems
2 (GLADE) each summer in the Drury-Mincy Conservation Area at the Missouri State University Field
3 Station; and,
4 **WHEREAS**, GLADE has been solely funded through Missouri State University, Greater Ozarks
5 Audubon Society, Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Ozarks Water Watch, TogetherGreen, L-A-D
6 Foundation, White River Valley Electric Cooperative and other regional organizations; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, GLADE works in cooperation with James River Basin Partnership, Missouri State
8 University Professors, Dickerson Park Zoo, local high school teachers, Rural Schools Partnership,
9 Missouri Master Naturalists, and Great Southern Bank; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, There is similar available funding in other regions of Missouri; and,
11 **WHEREAS**, GLADE accepts nominations of high school juniors and seniors in 11 southwest
12 counties; and,
13 **WHEREAS**, GLADE participants are offered a \$500 grant for a conservation related project in
14 their local community upon completion of the program; and,
15 **WHEREAS**, GLADE teaches leadership qualities and offers research in regional ecosystems
16 and wildlife species; and,
17 **WHEREAS**, The founder and director of GLADE published a book to offer guidance in creating
18 place-based conservation leadership projects in other regions: now, therefore, be it
19 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,
20 Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, encourages the Missouri Department of Natural
21 Resources, Missouri Universities, and willing organizations to implement regional GLADE programs in
22 other parts of Missouri.