

### **Hellbender Education and Outreach Program**

1 WHEREAS, the Conservation Federation of Missouri has numerous natural resource committees  
2 that are proficient in their duties;

3 AND WHEREAS, *Cryptobranchus alleganiensis*, the Missouri Osage Hellbender, is a high priority  
4 species that is highly susceptible to minute habitat changes;

5 AND WHEREAS, Jeff Briggler, the State Herpetologist, and Jeff Ettlting, the Curator of Amphibians  
6 and Reptiles of the St. Louis Zoo, are doing research on Hellbender populations in cold water  
7 streams in Missouri;

8 AND WHEREAS, recent developments, and previous data collected in the research project need to  
9 be shared with Missouri's citizens.

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, 2010 recommends that  
12 the Rivers and Streams Committee work with other existing resource committees to disseminate the  
13 current status and collected data on the Hellbender to citizens in Missouri.