

Formation of Caves and Karst Resource Committee

1 WHEREAS, the Conservation Federation of Missouri has numerous natural resource committees
2 efficient in their specific areas of interest;

3 AND WHEREAS, Missouri has over 5700 caves and an abundance of karst topography;

4 AND WHEREAS, a karst system is a network of underground cracks, fissures, and waterways;

5 AND WHEREAS, karst systems are extremely delicate and vital to the survival of the ecosystems that
6 stem from them;

7 AND WHEREAS, the protection and management of karst systems is necessary for the survival
8 of the karst and surrounding ecosystems;

9 AND WHEREAS, there is a tremendous interest from the general public to learn and explore the vast
10 cave systems around the state of Missouri.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
12 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2010 creates a Cave
13 and Karst Resource Committee for the protection and management of karst systems in Missouri.