White-nose Syndrome Action Plan

1. WHEREAS, Bats play a key role ecologically and economically in the control of night flying insects.
2. AND WHEREAS, two federally endangered bat species occur in Missouri,
3. AND WHEREAS, all six species currently known to be affected by white-nose syndrome occur in Missouri.
4. AND WHEREAS White-nose syndrome is spreading towards Missouri and could be devastating to Missouri’s cave and mine hibernating bats.
5. AND WHEREAS, white-nose syndrome could reach Missouri within the next year or two.
6. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 28th day of February, 2010 supports the Missouri Department of Conservation in establishing a white-nose syndrome action plan and a working group of partners to educate the public and delay or prevent the spread of white-nose syndrome into Missouri.