Glade Reserve Program

WHEREAS, reserve programs stimulate voluntary involvement from landowners to protect, restore, and enhance features of their property with financial and technical assistance;

AND WHEREAS, programs with such benefit have been initiated for wetlands, grasslands, and conservation sites specifically;

AND WHEREAS, the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) has resulted in the restoration and enhancement of approximately 1.6 million acres of farmland since it’s initiation in 1990;

AND WHEREAS, the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP) has shown considerable benefit on soil quality in its supported land with the financial support of $2.1 million dollars in Missouri alone;

AND WHEREAS, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has enlisted 1,552,986 acres of dormant farmland in Missouri as of January 2007 with additional utilization in other states;

AND WHEREAS, glades are not aptly supported by any of the Natural Resource Conservation Service reserve programs;

AND WHEREAS, glades are refugia for plant and wildlife species with narrow habitat requirements found in glade-specific ecosystems;

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 encourage USDA to establish reserve programs for glades as a supplement to their already successful wetland, grassland, and conservation reserve programs.