

Glade Reserve Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
16 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 encourage USDA to
17 establish reserve programs for glades as a supplement to their already successful wetland, grassland, and
18 conservation reserve programs.