Mentor Program

WHEREAS, Interest in the traditional hunting experience of pursuing small game is decreasing; and,

WHEREAS, Small game hunting can be a high-quality experience and a gateway to introducing potential hunters to outdoor activities; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize there are individuals who have an interest in hunting but do not have adequate knowledge to pursue that interest; and,

WHEREAS, The purchase of small game hunting licenses supports conservation and wildlife management programs; and,

WHEREAS, Activities associated with hunting contribute significantly to the economy of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri Department of Conservation has introduced an Apprentice Hunter Authorization that provides an opportunity for interested adults to hunt prior to receiving their hunter education certification; and,

WHEREAS, Apprentice hunters are required to hunt in the presence of a mentor; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri has many avid hunters who would likely be willing to share their abundant knowledge of the Missouri outdoors; and,

WHEREAS, Introduction of potential hunters to experienced, knowledgeable and devoted hunters would increase the likelihood those new recruits might continue in the outdoors for years to come: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, encourages the Missouri Department of Conservation, to create a mentor program that includes regional lists of experienced and willing hunters that would mentor first time hunters in a small game hunting experience and introduce them to the outdoors.