

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2013 Resolutions**

**Committee: Small Game & Furbearers
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Mentor Program

1 **WHEREAS**, Interest in the traditional hunting experience of pursuing small game is decreasing; and,
2 **WHEREAS**, Small game hunting can be a high-quality experience and a gateway to introducing
3 potential hunters to outdoor activities; and,
4 **WHEREAS**, We recognize there are individuals who have an interest in hunting but do not have
5 adequate knowledge to pursue that interest; and,
6 **WHEREAS**, The purchase of small game hunting licenses supports conservation and wildlife
7 management programs; and,
8 **WHEREAS**, Activities associated with hunting contribute significantly to the economy of
9 Missouri; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, Missouri Department of Conservation has introduced an Apprentice Hunter Authorization
11 that provides an opportunity for interested adults to hunt prior to receiving their hunter education
12 certification; and,
13 **WHEREAS**, Apprentice hunters are required to hunt in the presence of a mentor; and,
14 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has many avid hunters who would likely be willing to share their abundant
15 knowledge of the Missouri outdoors; and,
16 **WHEREAS**, Introduction of potential hunters to experienced, knowledgeable and devoted hunters
17 would increase the likelihood those new recruits might continue in the outdoors for years to come: now,
18 therefore, be it
19 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,
20 Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, encourages the Missouri Department of
21 Conservation, to create a mentor program that includes regional lists of experienced and willing hunters
22 that would mentor first time hunters in a small game hunting experience and introduce them to the
23 outdoors.