CFM Support Development of a Forestry Association in Missouri

WHEREAS The forest resources of Missouri are vitally important to the health and well being of the wildlife, aquatic, and human populations of the state

AND WHEREAS the forest resources of Missouri are facing numerous issues in the next few years, such as forest certification, carbon sequestration, bio-energy demands, invasive species, water quality and ecosystem services, the outcome of which will have profound impacts on the forest, fish and wildlife resources

AND WHEREAS there is no unified umbrella group in the state to advocate for either the private or, publicly owned forest resource

AND WHEREAS affiliating with a Forestry association strengthens CFM’s commitment to all resources and positions CFM to provide a broad conservation perspective as the various forestry issues are publicly debated and resolved

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2010 supports the development of a Forestry Association and the Executive Director’s participation in development of a proposal, to be considered by the executive board, which would create a Forestry Association;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to encourage MDC, other public agencies and NGO’s to consider financial and technical support to initiate a Forestry Association.