

Unify Resources Which Encourage Beneficial Prescribed Burning

1 **WHEREAS**, fires have been a valuable natural process in Missouri;

2 **AND WHEREAS**, fires applied in an appropriate fashion hold the potential to benefit glades, prairies,
3 and forests in Missouri;

4 **AND WHEREAS**, trained individuals perform fires in a safe and effective manner;

5 **AND WHEREAS**, further education on prescribed burning would prove beneficial in gaining public
6 support;

7 **AND WHEREAS**, the United States Forest Service is able to assist landowners with prescribed burns in
8 specific circumstances under the Wyden amendment;

9 **AND WHEREAS**, the Missouri Department of Conservation offers prescribed burn workshops for
10 landowners at no cost;

11 **AND WHEREAS**, a Missouri Prescribed Fire Council has been established for “promoting and
12 protecting the responsible use of fire as a natural resource management tool in Missouri”;

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
14 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 encourage cooperation
15 from the entities of the United States Forest Service, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the
16 Missouri Prescribed Fire Council in order to form a centralized outlet to access prescribed fire
17 information which would develop better public education about prescribed fires and improve landowner
18 education on appropriate timing and techniques for increased fire efficiency and safety.