

Extending Antler Point Restriction Exemption for Youth

1 **WHEREAS**, The highly respected sport of bowhunting deer in Missouri continues to grow annually in
2 permit sales; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, The future of archery and bowhunting rests with the recruitment and the retaining of
4 new participants in the sport; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, Through of the efforts of the Conservation Federation of Missouri, Missouri Bow
6 Hunters Association, United Bowhunters of Missouri, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pope and
7 Young Club, and the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri Archery in Schools
8 Program (MoNASP) has grown to involve nearly 60,000 students in Missouri Schools; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, The resource base for new hunters, fisherman, and users of the outdoors has been
10 enhanced by all the participants of the highly successful MoNASP program; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, The Missouri Department of Conservation has been providing since 2009 for the
12 involvement of new youth bowhunting recruits by making available the Youth Archery Deer and Turkey
13 Permit; and,

14 **WHEREAS**, The Missouri Department of Conservation was a leader in the nation, by offering
15 Youth Deer Firearms Permits which also involves the “mentoring process” for these youngsters AND
16 has exempted them from the “antler point restriction” regulation in those applicable counties: now,
17 therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,
19 Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, hereby requests the Missouri Department of
20 Conservation to consider extending the Antler Point restriction exemption to those young bowhunters
21 who purchase the Youth Archery Deer and Turkey permits.