

Implementation of “Nature Education Week”

1 **WHEREAS**, the level of awareness of nature education programs are below desired levels;

2 **AND WHEREAS**, the Conservation Leadership Corps (CLC) supports the Missouri Department
3 of Conservation’s (MDC) Discover Nature Schools program, which will be fully completed by
4 2013;

5 **AND WHEREAS**, increased public and student exposure through the MDC’s Discover Nature
6 Schools Program could increase the knowledge of Missouri’s natural resources;

7 **AND WHEREAS** the introduction of a week titled “Nature Education Week” might raise
8 awareness to the school faculty, students, and parents about current nature education programs
9 offered;

10 **AND WHEREAS**, a term of five days, Monday thru Friday, preferably following the Missouri
11 Assessment Program (MAP) would carry the label “Nature Education Week”;

12 **AND WHEREAS**, increased awareness might prove to catalyze the expansion of nature education
13 programs through direct action by teachers, or through encouragement imposed by interested
14 students and parents;

15 **AND WHEREAS**, the creation of the “Nature Education Week” would not require the school to
16 implement any additional programs unless by choice;

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri
18 assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012
19 recommends that a “Nature Education Week” be established by the Governor of the State of
20 Missouri through the inclusion of the label “Nature Education Week” to a specific school week
21 each year, by which levels of awareness of Nature Education Programs might be increased.