Implementation of “Nature Education Week”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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