

Children in Nature

1 **WHEREAS**, Governor Jay Nixon signed Executive Order 10-18 creating the Missouri Children in
2 Nature Initiative;

3 **AND WHEREAS**, this initiative is focused on providing opportunities for Missouri children to
4 experience healthy, active outdoor activities;

5 **AND WHEREAS**, the Missouri Departments of Natural Resources and Conservation will lead the
6 efforts with the Missouri Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education, Health and Senior
7 Services, Mental Health, Higher Education, and Economic Development to work collectively to
8 provide the opportunities for children to get outdoors;

9 **AND WHEREAS**, the Missouri outdoors provide many opportunities for children. Connecting
10 children to nature helps foster a lifelong appreciation of the plants and animals that live around us,
11 and can make children better future stewards of our precious natural resources;

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri
13 assembled at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO this 26th day of February, 2012
14 supports the Missouri Children in Nature initiative and calls on all Missourians to increase
15 opportunities for children to have an active, healthy lifestyle.