

Ten Year Non-Native Cool-Season Grass Eradication Plan

1 **WHEREAS**, Control of non-native cool-season grasses such as tall fescue, *Festuca arundinacea*,
2 smooth brome, *Bromus inermis*, and Reed Canary Grass, *Phalaris arundinacea*, will lead to the return
3 of native species; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, Non-native cool-season grasses lack beneficial wildlife habitat characteristics offered
5 by native species; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, Unmonitored stands of tall fescue and smooth brome provide no beneficial value to
7 Northern Bobwhite Quail; and,

8 **WHEREAS**, The management of such non-native grass species can assist in the reestablishment of
9 native warm and cool season grass species; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, Constant management and monitoring of these non-native species will increase
11 overall health and diversity of grassland communities: now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,
13 Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, recommends that the Missouri Department of
14 Conservation implement initial control efforts on every acre of non-native cool-season grass on MDC
15 lands by 2025, and long-term management and control thereafter;