

**CFM Support of Education for Living with Wildlife**

1 WHEREAS, natural habitats, including grasslands and woodlands, are being destroyed for  
2 human habitation, in turn wildlife is being forced into more urbanized areas and the human-  
3 wildlife conflict is becoming unavoidable.

4 AND WHEREAS, both human and wildlife populations are increasing, conflicts between  
5 humans and wildlife species, including those that may pose threats, are becoming more frequent.

6 AND WHEREAS, there is the need for education for the public dealing with human-wildlife  
7 conflicts regarding destructive and possibly dangerous species.

8 AND WHEREAS, populations of possibly dangerous species that were at one time not common  
9 in Missouri are now rising and education regarding these species is needed at the present time.

10 AND WHEREAS, previous educational programs dealing with human-wildlife interactions have  
11 proven beneficial to the public.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri  
13 Assembled at Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February supports  
14 enhancing the Missouri Department of Conservation's efforts in educating the public about  
15 human-wildlife conflicts to ensure the safe enjoyment of wildlife by Missouri's citizens.