

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2014 Resolutions**

Committee: Deer, Wild Turkey, and Elk

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Bear Scare in Missouri

WHEREAS, in 2013 there were an estimated 252 bears in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the population is located in the southern part of the state; and

WHEREAS, in general, bears are not aggressive, but they are powerful; and

WHEREAS, they can cause damage when feeling threatened or foraging for food; and

WHEREAS, there are no confirmed fatalities from wild bears in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, bears consume 20,000 calories a day mostly made up of acorns and soft matter;
and

WHEREAS, they are naturally curious animals; and

WHEREAS, bears possess poor eye sight, they often rear up on their hind legs as a means to better survey their surroundings: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 23rd day of March 2014, encourages the Missouri Department of Conservation to emphasize appreciation of black bears in Missouri while educating the public regarding the minimal threat they pose to human safety.