

**Conservation Federation of Missouri  
2015 Resolutions**

**Committee:** Furbearer and Black Bears

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**CFM Support For and Participation in a Proposed Black Bear and Bobcat Study**

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Missouri, black bears, bobcats and other species are of conservation interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the information on abundance and location is important for management decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Department of Conservation is interested in learning about the abundance of these two species in Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, black bears are recolonizing portions of Missouri and population monitoring will be important for management actions; and

**WHEREAS**, bobcats are among Missouri's most valuable furbearers; and

**WHEREAS**, citizen science is a powerful mechanism for collecting statewide information; and

**WHEREAS**, this study will involve citizens and their trail cameras to record observations of species of interest; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2015, encourages the Missouri Department of Conservation to establish a camera-based black bear and bobcat population study with the participation of CFM members.