<u>Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Resolution Recognizing Contributions of the</u> <u>Conservation Federation of Missouri and CFM Director Dave Murphy</u>

Whereas the Conservation Federation of Missouri is the counterpart National Wildlife Federation Affiliate in the State of Missouri and has been one of the most respected statewide conservation organizations in the country since its formation in 1935;

Whereas the Conservation Federation of Missouri during its long history has created many new highly successful conservation and education programs for the citizens of Missouri;

Whereas, ten years ago, the CFM created a new and highly successful program called the Missouri Conservation Leadership Corps dedicated to increasing the involvement of young men and women into conservation and to increase their involvement in conservation organizations in the state including the CFM;

Whereas, the CFM has been active in sharing the success of the MCLC with other NWF Affiliates by including the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation including providing their historical background, having several representatives attend the WWF December 2012 Board Meeting and generously hosting WWF Board members at its 2013 Annual Meeting;

Whereas, Dave Murphy, the Executive Director, an exceptional leader in the efforts of the CFM in partnering with the WWF to create a Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Corps, has announced his intent to retire from the Conservation Federation of Missouri on May, 31, 2013;

Whereas, Dave Murphy has had an illustrious and highly successful career with the CFM initiating a number of highly successful conservation programs in the state;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its 2013 Annual Meeting on April 12th -14th, 2013 held in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, expresses its great appreciation to the Conservation Federation of Missouri for its outstanding assistance in the creation of the Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Corps and for its interest in a continuing conservation and education partnership with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

Now therefore be it further resolved, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation also expresses its deep appreciation to Dave Murphy for his tireless and friendly assistance in sharing information on the Missouri Conservation Leadership Corps, recognizes his overall major contributions to conservation in Missouri and the rest of the country and wishes him the very best in his retirement.

Submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation by" Chuck Matyska