## Conservation Federation of Missouri
### 2013 Resolutions

**Committee:** Waterfowl and Wetlands  
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### Appropriating funds for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act

1. **WHEREAS**, The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) was enacted in 1989 as a way to incentivize non-federal contributions to wetland wildlife habitat in North America; and,

2. **WHEREAS**, NAWCA program funding expired in September 2012, jeopardizing 22 years of progress restoring waterfowl and wetland habitat; and,

3. **WHEREAS**, Since enactment, NAWCA grants have leveraged more than $3.5 billion in matching funds to deliver a total of over $4.6 billion on 26.5 million acres of on-the-ground conservation; and,

4. **WHEREAS**, These expenditures have created, on average, nearly 7,500 new jobs annually in the United States, generating nearly $200 million in worker earnings each year; and,

5. **WHEREAS**, Wetlands store water and recharge aquifers, thus securing future water supplies, purify water, remove high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, and in some cases, remove toxic chemicals before entering the water supply; and,

6. **WHEREAS**, NAWCA projects also benefit other fish and wildlife species, including rare, threatened, and endangered species that are dependent on wetland ecosystems; and,

7. **WHEREAS**, The abundance of wildlife including many species of waterfowl, other
migratory birds, fish, and mammals supported by wetlands translates into multi-billion dollar activities for Americans who enjoy hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and photography; and,

WHEREAS, 23 NAWCA projects have either been completed or are underway in Missouri, conserving more than 91,000 acres of wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, In Missouri NAWCA funding of over $17.8 million stimulated partner contributions of over $88.1 million to protect and restore wetland habitat in Missouri: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO this 24th day of February, 2013, urges the appropriate members of the United States Congress to support appropriating the NAWCA Program at a minimum of the FY13 enacted appropriation of $35.5 million. As recently as FY10 NAWCA received $47.6 million dollars.