

Gravel Mining

- 1 **WHEREAS** ,sand and gravel are important natural features in Missouri streams;
- 2 **AND WHEREAS**, the availability of construction materials can be a limiting factor of growth and
- 3 economic benefits;
- 4 **AND WHEREAS**, improper extraction of gravel from a stream alters the sediment budget creating the
- 5 potential for channel instability, increased turbidity, and degradation of habitats;
- 6 **AND WHEREAS**, all commercial gravel operations must obtain a permit from MDNR, Land
- 7 Reclamation Program (LRP), though non-commercial operations and county and local governments do
- 8 not need a permit;
- 9 **AND WHEREAS**, technical experts have established guidelines for sand and gravel removal that
- 10 minimize harm to the streams;
- 11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
- 12 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 encourages the LRP to
- 13 strongly enforce existing gravel mining regulations while strongly opposing any attempt to reduce
- 14 regulatory authority of gravel mining.