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 economic benefits;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, improper extraction of gravel from a stream alters the sediment budget creating the potential for channel instability, increased turbidity, and degradation of habitats;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, all commercial gravel operations must obtain a permit from MDNR, Land Reclamation Program (LRP), though non-commercial operations and county and local governments do not need a permit;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, technical experts have established guidelines for sand and gravel removal that minimize harm to the streams;

6. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 encourages the LRP to strongly enforce existing gravel mining regulations while strongly opposing any attempt to reduce regulatory authority of gravel mining.