Addressing Asian Carp Through Public Awareness

1 WHEREAS, Asian carp are increasing dangers associated with aquatic recreation;
2 AND WHEREAS, the implementation of a public awareness program for Missouri anglers in areas of high carp populations;
3 AND WHEREAS, Asian carp population reductions would ultimately benefit the native aquatic ecosystems of Missouri;
4 AND WHEREAS, Public safety and aquatic ecosystems are negatively impacted by Asian carp;
5 AND WHEREAS, the species is known to cause recreational accidents;
6 AND WHEREAS, they compete for resources such that large populations of Asian carp are detrimental to native aquatic species;
7 AND WHEREAS, public education in the form of official publications (brochures, magazines, videos, etc.) would communicate the negative ecological impacts as well as the nutritional value;
8 AND WHEREAS, the education would include nutritional information as well as methods for preparation;
9 AND WHEREAS, encouragement of multiple methods of harvesting (bow-fishing, pheromone traps, gill nets, etc.) within publications would ultimately promote population control within overpopulated areas;
10 AND WHEREAS, tax deductible opportunities for anglers similar to those offered for Share the Harvest will encourage anglers to remove Asian carp;
11 AND WHEREAS, providing Asian carp to processors would be a source of additional income
during their slack periods;

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; encourage the Missouri Department of Conservation to increase public awareness of the impacts and potential values of Asian carp.