

Conservation Sales Tax

1 WHEREAS the one-eighth of one percent conservation sales tax was brought forth by citizens and
2 passed by citizens in 1976;

3 AND WHEREAS this sales tax has been a long-term consistent source of funding that supports the
4 conservation mission;

5 AND WHEREAS this conservation sales tax provided ninety-six million dollars of revenue in 2010
6 alone to fund Missouri Department of Conservation's activities and services such as shooting ranges,
7 visitor centers, public and youth programs, etc;

8 AND WHEREAS this one-eighth of one percent tax pays for itself through economic gain across the
9 state due to our natural resources production of over eleven billion dollars annually through hunting,
10 fishing, and other recreation;

11 AND WHEREAS the one-eighth of one percent sales tax equates to one dollar and twenty cents monthly
12 per Missouri citizen designated as a safeguard to our state's natural resources;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
14 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2011, strongly opposes any
15 constitutional amendment that would sunset the one-eighth of one percent conservation sales tax.