

**CFM Support of Amphibian Habitat Protection and Restoration**

1 WHEREAS amphibian populations around the world are declining dramatically partly due to  
2 habitat destruction and fungal infection;

3 AND WHEREAS, approximately one-third of Missouri’s amphibian species are labeled as  
4 species of conservation concern;

5 AND WHEREAS, sixteen percent of Missouri’s amphibian species are showing declines in population;

6 AND WHEREAS, Missouri’s amphibian populations are in danger, public awareness and habitat  
7 protection along with restoration must occur before populations are permanently impacted;

8 AND WHEREAS, by preventing habitat loss and destruction, stable populations of amphibians can be  
9 allowed to increase and habitats for struggling species can be provided;

10 AND WHEREAS, providing restored habitat will effectively help prevent the extinction of many of  
11 Missouri’s amphibian species.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at  
13 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark MO, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, supports amphibian habitat  
14 protection and advocates habitat restoration and will recommend that the Department of Conservation,  
15 the Department of Natural Resources and other state and federal conservation agencies and NGO’s  
16 (Non-Government Organizations) enhance their efforts in restoring various amphibian habitats.