CFM Encourages the Statewide Implementation of P2D2

1 WHEREAS, Improper disposal of pharmaceuticals such as flushing medications down the toilet or throwing medications in the trash, is currently affecting all of our natural water systems; and,

2 WHEREAS, Aquatic species are adversely affected by the presence of these pharmaceuticals; and,

3 WHEREAS, Further continuation of current conditions could create a larger problem for Missouri’s aquatic species in the future; and,

4 WHEREAS, Pharmaceuticals have been found in the drinking water supplies of at least 41 million Americans; and,

5 WHEREAS, Pharmaceuticals infiltrate into aquifers where 40% of the nation gets their drinking water; and,

6 WHEREAS, St. Louis County has implemented a program, Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal (Missouri P2D2), for safely disposing medicines no longer in use; and,

7 WHEREAS, This program educates the public about the best ways to dispose of pharmaceuticals; and,

8 WHEREAS, This program provides a responsible method of pharmaceutical disposal by providing drop boxes at local police stations; and,

9 WHEREAS, Pharmaceuticals collected at these drop boxes are incinerated; and,

10 WHEREAS, 1,500 pounds of pharmaceuticals were collected in the first month of this program; and,

11 WHEREAS, No state has implemented regulations on disposal of pharmaceuticals; and,

12 WHEREAS, A statewide restriction and regulation of proper medication disposal would allow Missouri to become a leader, influence and raise awareness in other states, and potentially lead to a nationwide restriction and regulation of proper medication disposal: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,
Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, encourages legislation to be created that defines a legal and proper way to dispose of pharmaceuticals and for the state of Missouri to implement the Missouri P2D2 program.