Support of the DNRs’ Closed Landfill Technical Assistance Project

1  WHEREAS, Approximately 20 counties, 45 municipalities, and 120 individuals or corporations
2  own approximately 270 closed landfills in MO; and,
3  WHEREAS, Landfills that operated or closed during the early stages of environmental
4  regulation may pose environmental or public health and safety problems; and,
5  WHEREAS, In some cases landfills may be abandoned or sold by county governments for
6  payment of unpaid property taxes or purchased by people thinking they are getting a good deal
7  and believe they can develop the property without restriction; and,
8  WHEREAS, Lack of education and knowledge of old landfill requirements can lead to
9  property usage that can compromise the integrity of landfills and result in negative impacts to
10  the environment or public health and safety; and,
11  WHEREAS, Through education of current landfill owners, the properties can be cared for
12  and maintained in ways to prevent or minimize impacts to the environment or
13  public health and safety and provide for effective long-term stewardship awareness: now,
14  therefore, be it
15  RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri in its Annual Convention assembled
16  at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO this 24th day of February, 2013, supports the
17  Department of Natural Resources in their efforts to properly manage old landfills, ensuring the
18  protection of human health and the environment both now and in the future.