

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2013 Resolutions**

**Committee: Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste and Recycling
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Lead Legacy in Missouri

1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri laws and legislation were passed by the Missouri Legislature and
2 Governor to authorize various State Departments to act on behalf of the citizens of Missouri
3 regarding environmental issues; and,
4 **WHEREAS**, Those laws empower authority through the Department of Natural Resources
5 and its various Citizen Boards and Commissions to act directly or advise the Department to protect
6 Missouri citizens, health and the environment; and,
7 **WHEREAS**, Missouri citizens deserve land, air and water resources suitable for use now
8 and into the future; and,
9 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has a legacy of lead mining dating back to early settlement; and,
10 **WHEREAS**, That legacy has resulted in contaminated sites totaling over 30,000 acres
11 ranging in size from 7,000 acres to as small as a residential yard; and,
12 **WHEREAS**, Missouri's total acreage of lead contamination exceeds the total acreage of all
13 other federally listed hazardous waste sites (Superfund sites) in the United States; and,
14 **WHEREAS**, Lead and associated contamination negatively affects 231 stream miles in
15 Missouri and has the potential to migrate to other rivers; and,
16 **WHEREAS**, This contamination affects aquatic communities such as fish, mussels and
17 crayfish; and,
18 **WHEREAS**, Fish consumption advisories exist on 133 miles of Missouri streams; and,
19 **WHEREAS**, Lead and associated contamination affects both Missouri state parks and
20 conservation areas as well as federal and private lands; and,

21 **WHEREAS**, Lead is a known contaminant that can be present in the air, on land or water
22 that seriously affects the brain development of children decreasing their life long potential; and,
23 **WHEREAS**, Lead contamination affects the current and potential land use of an area; and,
24 **WHEREAS**, Lead contamination affects air, land and water resources; and,
25 **WHEREAS**, The proper identification and remediation of these sites is essential for
26 protection of health, the environment and wildlife and to allow for appropriate future use: now,
27 therefore, be it
28 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri in Annual Convention assembled at
29 the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO this 24th day of February, 2013, supports the
30 Department of Natural Resources in their efforts to establish and implement a robust, cleanup
31 program for lead contaminated sites.