CFM opposes the Missouri House Bill 545

WHEREAS, Missouri House Bill 545 is titled “Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines”; and

WHEREAS, This bill prohibits any person, corporation, or other entity in the state from manufacturing, importing, possessing, purchasing, selling, or transferring any assault weapon or large capacity magazine; and,

WHEREAS, Any violation of these provisions would become a class C felony; and,

WHEREAS, The bill specifies that any person who was legally in possession of an assault weapon or large capacity magazine prior to the effective date of these provisions would have 90 days to remove the assault weapon or large capacity magazine from the state, render the assault weapon permanently inoperable, or surrender the assault weapon or large capacity magazine to the appropriate law enforcement agency for destruction; and,

WHEREAS, Assault weapon is defined in depth in the bill to include any semi automatic firearm; and,

WHEREAS, Large capacity magazine is defined as a magazine holding more than 10 rounds; and,

WHEREAS, Many semi automatic firearms are commonly used for sport purposes such as hunting and target shooting; or currently have magazines with capacities of more than 10 rounds; and,

WHEREAS, An 11% excise tax on firearms and ammunition set by the Pitman Robertson act raised approximately $10 million for wildlife restoration programs for the Missouri Department of Conservation in fiscal year 2012; and,

WHEREAS, This bill would be the leading precedent of firearm bans: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, opposes the Missouri House Bill 545.