

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2014 Resolutions**

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**CFM Supports DNR Statewide Waste Pesticide Collections
Program in Conducting Additional Events**

WHEREAS, by their nature, pesticides can cause harm to humans, plants, animals, or the environment because they are designed to kill or otherwise adversely affect living organisms; and

WHEREAS, pesticides (such as herbicides, rodenticides, fungicides, and insecticides etc.) are important because they kill potential disease-causing organisms and control insects, weeds, and other pests; and

WHEREAS, pesticides can become wastes because they are no longer usable and safe disposal of pesticides is important for human health and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 and 2013 the Department of Natural Resources sponsored a number of free pesticide collections around the state for Missouri households and farmers; and

WHEREAS, more than 123,000 pounds of waste pesticides were collected and appropriately disposed of during this time; and

WHEREAS, additional collection events would provide the public with a necessary means to dispose of such pesticides; and

WHEREAS, materials to inform and educate people about alternatives to pesticides, and safe use, storage and disposal of pesticides can be distributed at collection events as well as other media: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 23rd day of March 2014, supports the DNR Statewide Waste Pesticide Collection Program in conducting additional collection events.