

Kansas City Metropolitan Parks and Greenway Trail District

1 WHEREAS, Kansas City Area residents want to protect natural areas along stream corridors and create
2 more open space and trails for recreation, fitness and transportation;

3 AND WHEREAS, Current local funding does not allow for regional open space projects;

4 AND WHEREAS, Kansas City local and regional surveys find strong public support for maintaining
5 existing green spaces and offering more opportunities for safe parks, water quality and active living.

6 AND WHEREAS, Kansas City is seeking a funding mechanism to support completion of a regional
7 trail system and enhance local parks in metro Kansas City;

8 AND WHEREAS, a proposal to create an 1,100 mile interconnected system of public and private open
9 space, greenways and trails;

10 AND WHEREAS, a proposal to create a metropolitan recreation district that would improve water
11 quality, increase park safety, provide community trails, improve, restore, and expand local parks,
12 provide expanded public access to recreational areas, and preserve natural land for wildlife habitat;

13 AND WHEREAS, natural lands along our rivers, streams and watersheds would be preserved to filter
14 pollutants that would otherwise foul our water;

15 AND WHEREAS, wildlife habitat would be protected;

16 AND WHEREAS, families and children would have safe places to play and recreate, and public access
17 to recreational areas would be expanded;

18 AND WHEREAS, trails would create pathways between community assets, such as schools, and
19 provide recreational opportunities for biking and walking;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri in Annual
21 Convention assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2010,
22 supports the proposal to create a Kansas City Metropolitan Park District and efforts to establish

23 enabling legislation which would allow Kansas City Metropolitan citizens the option of voting to create
24 and fund such a district with an appropriate governing body responsible for its administration,
25 management and operations.