CFM Support of Angler Recruitment and Retention

WHEREAS, Missouri anglers enjoy fishing; however, we feel the public needs more opportunities to get involved with the sport; and,

WHEREAS, There are certain events and occasions focused on recruiting more Missouri anglers; and,

WHEREAS, An introduction of events like “Dock Days” could provide youth with the enjoyment of fishing by permitting legal catch and take of fish from docks on lakes and reservoirs; and,

WHEREAS, A fishing gear loaner program could provide the public with more fishing opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Cooperation with volunteer groups like Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Boys and Girls Club may get more youth involved in fishing; and,

WHEREAS, Programs such as the Missouri Department of Conservation’s (MDC) Discover Nature Program, Angler Recruitment and Retention Program and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) State Parks “Troutapalooza” Program, could increase citizens involvement in fishing; and,

WHEREAS, Increased outreach and education as well as fishing clinics could inform Missourians and encourage the public to enjoy fishing; and,

WHEREAS, CFM supports these above mentioned programs: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, supports MDC and MDNR in their efforts to increase angler recruitment and retention in Missouri.