WHEREAS, Mill Creek, Phelps County Missouri is currently a Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Blue Ribbon Stream with regulations of one trout per day in possession over 18 inches;
AND WHEREAS, Mill Creek is a unique stream with Wild self-sustaining McCloud River rainbow trout;
AND WHEREAS, with the addition of the MDC Bohigian Conservation Area portion of Mill Creek there now is a total of six miles of Mill Creek from Wilkens Spring to Mill Creek Picnic Area that is bounded on both sides by State and Federal lands;
AND WHEREAS, to provide a natural balance to the stream and a unique opportunity to people of Missouri and out of State visitors;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 27th day of February, 2011 designate Mill Creek, Phelps County Missouri a GOLD RIBBON STREAM from Wilkins Spring to Mill Creek Picnic Area at the low water bridge Kaintuck Road (County Road 717)
AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these designated six miles of upper Mill Creek be designated CATCH & RELEASE, SINGLE BARBLESS HOOKS AND SINGLE BARBLESS LURES ONLY;
AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mill Creek be open to catch & release fishing YEAR ROUND (no closed season)
- Fishing hours to be one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
- No trout may be killed or held in possession
- Fishing may be done only with artificial flies and streamers constructed of natural or synthetic materials, so long as all flies are on a single barbless hook with components wound on or about the hook, barbless single hook lures may be used.
- The use or possession of any natural bait, fish bait, bait paste and similar substances, fish eggs (natural or molded) or any edible substance is prohibited.
- Taking baitfish or fish bait is prohibited.
- Wading is permitted unless otherwise posted.