Conservation Federation of Missouri
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Protect Missouri’s Underground Aquifers by Encouraging and Assisting with the
Plugging of Abandoned Wells

WHEREAS, once aquifers are contaminated, it often is extremely difficult or impossible to
clean them; and

WHEREAS, in many cases contaminated aquifers cannot be used for drinking water once they
are contaminated; and

WHEREAS, some aquifers form part of the habitat for certain species; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has a great number of caves, fisheries, springs, underground rivers, etc.
that provide habitat for cave fish, salamanders and other flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, many abandoned wells are a safety hazard for animals and people, especially small
children, who can fall into them; and

WHEREAS, most owners of abandoned wells understand the hazards but are unwilling or
unable to pay to properly plug their wells: 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 we encourage DNR to enhance their program
that will assist with the plugging of abandoned wells.