WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) public drinking water fees expire 9-1-2012;

AND WHEREAS, these fees pay for a significant portion of the services provided by MDNR to public water supplies, which provide the drinking water to over half of Missouri residents, as well as other uses;

AND WHEREAS, these services include drinking water quality monitoring permitting inspection and enforcement responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS, one of the goals of MDNR is to protect public health through the provision of safe and clean public drinking water;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO this 26th day of February, 2012 supports the extension of the existing public drinking water fee structure.