WHEREAS, Missouri laws and legislation were passed by the Missouri Legislature and Governor to authorize various State Departments to act on behalf of the citizens of Missouri regarding environmental issues;

AND WHEREAS, those laws empower authority through the Department of Natural Resources and its various Citizen Boards and Commissions to act directly or advise the Department to protect Missouri citizens, health and the environment;

AND WHEREAS, Missouri citizens deserve land, air and water resources suitable for use now and into the future;

AND WHEREAS, proper disposal of waste, recycling or cleanup of contaminated sites is essential for protection of health and to allow for appropriate future use;

AND WHEREAS, costs and responsibility to address waste disposal, recycling or cleanup primarily is borne by those using the material or other responsible parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri in Annual Convention assembled at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozarks, MO this 26th day of February, 2012 supports the Department of Natural Resources and its various Citizen Boards and Commissions that direct or advise the Department in their efforts to enhance recycling, ensure proper disposal of wastes, and to perform proper cleanup of contaminated sites so as to ensure the protection of human health and the environment both now and in the future. The CFM wants to ensure that the Department and its supporting Boards and Commissions have the authority to develop appropriate fees, rules and regulations needed to protect Missouri’s citizens, wildlife and the environment.