

Lead Legacy in Missouri

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

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

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

9 **AND WHEREAS**, Missouri has a legacy of lead mining dating back to early settlement;

10 **AND WHEREAS**, that legacy has resulted in contaminated sites totaling over 30,000 acres
11 ranging in size from 7,000 acres to as small as a residential yard;

12 **AND WHEREAS**, Missouri's total acreage of lead contamination exceeds the total acreage of all
13 other federally listed hazardous waste sites (Superfund sites) in the United States;

14 **AND WHEREAS**, lead and associated contamination negatively affects 231 steam miles in
15 Missouri and has the potential to migrate to other rivers;

16 **AND WHEREAS**, this contamination affects aquatic communities such as mussels and crayfish,
17 resulting in fish consumption advisories for 133 miles of Missouri streams;

18 **AND WHEREAS**, lead and associated contamination affects both Missouri state parks and
19 conservation areas as well as federal and private lands;

20 **AND WHEREAS**, lead is a known contaminant that can be present in the air, on land or water
21 that seriously affects the brain development of children decreasing their life long potential;

22 **AND WHEREAS**, lead contamination affects the current and potential land use of an area;

23 **AND WHEREAS**, lead contamination affects air, land and water resources;

24 **AND WHEREAS**, the proper identification and remediation of these sites is essential for
25 protection of health, the environment and wildlife and to allow for appropriate future use;

26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri in
27 Annual Convention assembled at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozarks, MO this 26th day
28 of February, 2012 supports the Department of Natural Resources and its various Citizen Boards
29 and Commissions that direct or advise the Department in their efforts to establish and implement a
30 robust cleanup program of lead contaminated sites. The CFM supports an assessment,
31 remediation and restoration of these contaminated sites so as to mitigate the impact of lead on
32 human health, wildlife and the environment.