

Updating of The State Forestry Law's Forest Crop Land Program

1 **WHEREAS**, The State Forestry Law promotes forested lands on privately owned property;

2 **AND WHEREAS**, The State Forestry Law's Forest Crop Land Program provides a tax reduction to

3 landowners devoted to growing trees on their property;

4 **AND WHEREAS**, The State Forestry Law's FCL Program is based on 1946 standards of

5 land value;

6 **AND WHEREAS**, the present land value maximum is \$400 per acre to qualify for the FCL program;

7 **AND WHEREAS**, land values have dramatically increased since;

8 **AND WHEREAS**, forested lands increase water and air quality, wildlife diversity, and carbon

9 sequestration;

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at

11 the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO, this 26th day of February, 2012 strongly encourages the

12 Conservation Commission to advocate the update of The State Forestry Law and the FCL Program.