

Committee: Natural History, Parks and Wildlands

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Restoration of Maintenance Funding

WHEREAS, Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites preserve and interpret Missouri's finest examples of cultural landmarks and natural resources and provides healthy recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, for every dollar spent by Missouri State Parks in 2011 the economy had a gain of 26 dollars to the overall economy; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites have a combined maintenance deferral of 400 million dollars for existing sites; and

WHEREAS, funding for the persistent maintenance and upkeep of these sites is essential for their continued function; and

WHEREAS, funding was previously approved specifically to address many of these maintenance issues and was unfortunately withdrawn in the year of 2015; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 20th day of March, 2016, encourages the Missouri General Assembly to restore funding approved for fiscal year 2016 to the Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance needs of Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites.