

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2013 Resolutions**

Committee: Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste and Recycling

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CFM Encourages the Statewide Implementation of P2D2

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Improper disposal of pharmaceuticals such as flushing medications down the toilet or
- 2 throwing medications in the trash, is currently affecting all of our natural water systems; and,
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Aquatic species are adversely affected by the presence of these pharmaceuticals; and,
- 4 **WHEREAS**, Further continuation of current conditions could create a larger problem for
- 5 Missouri's aquatic species in the future; and,
- 6 **WHEREAS**, Pharmaceuticals have been found in the drinking water supplies of at least 41
- 7 million Americans; and,
- 8 **WHEREAS**, Pharmaceuticals infiltrate into aquifers where 40% of the nation gets their drinking
- 9 water; and,
- 10 **WHEREAS**, St. Louis County has implemented a program, Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug
- 11 Disposal (Missouri P2D2), for safely disposing medicines no longer in use; and,
- 12 **WHEREAS**, This program educates the public about the best ways to dispose of pharmaceuticals; and,
- 13 **WHEREAS**, This program provides a responsible method of pharmaceutical disposal by
- 14 providing drop boxes at local police stations; and,
- 15 **WHEREAS**, Pharmaceuticals collected at these drop boxes are incinerated; and,
- 16 **WHEREAS**, 1,500 pounds of pharmaceuticals were collected in the first month of this program; and,
- 17 **WHEREAS**, No state has implemented regulations on disposal of pharmaceuticals; and,
- 18 **WHEREAS**, A statewide restriction and regulation of proper medication disposal would allow
- 19 Missouri to become a leader, influence and raise awareness in other states, and potentially lead to a
- 20 nationwide restriction and regulation of proper medication disposal: now, therefore, be it
- 21 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,

22 Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, encourages legislation to be created that defines a
23 legal and proper way to dispose of pharmaceuticals and for the state of Missouri to implement the
24 Missouri P2D2 program.