

**Conservation Federation of Missouri  
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**Committee:** Natural History, Parks and Wildlands

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**Support Bond Initiative to Fund Missouri State Parks Capital Improvement Projects**

**WHEREAS**, many existing structures and infrastructures need repair in Missouri's state parks; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's state parks has expanded modestly since previous bonding measures in the mid-1980s; and

**WHEREAS**, state parks sale tax is inadequate to meet both the operational and capital improvement needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's state parks are known for providing high quality experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri State Parks has been a National Gold Medal finalist for an outstanding state park system; and

**WHEREAS**, an investment in Missouri State Park infrastructure is good for the economy, tourism rates, and provides jobs to local construction companies and individuals alike; and

**WHEREAS**, to insure the future viability of the state park experience; and

**WHEREAS**, this infrastructure needs periodic maintenance and upgrades; and

**WHEREAS**, a general obligation bond that provides financing for these necessary repairs and additions to fix roads, water systems, wastewater systems, upgrading visitor centers, addition of campgrounds, cabins, picnic shelters, and other necessary appurtenances for the continuation of Missouri State Parks reputation for future generations: now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 23rd day of March, 2014 urges the Missouri State Legislature and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to support the issuance of general obligation bonds to maintain and upgrade the infrastructure of state parks all throughout Missouri in order to provide construction jobs to benefit the economy, increase ecotourism rates, provide employment opportunities for the younger generation, and provide a better environment for outdoor recreation.