

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2014 Resolutions**

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**Missouri State Agencies and Corporative Agencies Should Require Diversified
Plants to Promote Native Pollinators**

WHEREAS, pollinator species are declining and would be aided by diversified habitat; and

WHEREAS, flowering plants with diverse blooming seasons increase pollinator habitat, allowing greater sustainable agriculture production; and

WHEREAS, pollinator activity is crucial for nearly all agriculture; and

WHEREAS, pollination services to the United States agriculture results in 29 billion dollars in revenue; and

WHEREAS, diversified flowering plants will allow for support for ecological stability for pollinator habitat; and

WHEREAS, many diversified plants ensure water purification by filtering out harmful chemicals and preventing erosion; and

WHEREAS, increases in the display of pollinator habitat would aid declining populations of: bees, wasps, butterflies, beetles, moths, bats, and birds; and

WHEREAS, 250,000 species of plants require pollinators for production; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one in every three bites of food consumed is a result of pollinator production and a large percentage of food depends on pollination when accounting for the pollinators role in the global food network; and

WHEREAS, increase diversified pollinator habitat creates a more aesthetically pleasing community; and

WHEREAS, state and federal agencies such as MoDOT, Department of Conservation, USDA, and the Department of Natural Resources own public land and also provide grants for implementing conservation practices with public entities, private landowners, not-for-profit organizations, and communities: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 23rd day of March, 2014 suggest that all state and federal agencies use a minimum of 30 percent diversified seeding mixtures that are required for pollinators for plantings funded with state and/or federal funds.