

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2013 Resolutions**

**Committee: Sportsmen’s Rights
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CFM opposes the Missouri House Bill 545

1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri House Bill 545 is titled “Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines”; and

2 **WHEREAS**, This bill prohibits any person, corporation, or other entity in the state from
3 manufacturing, importing, possessing, purchasing, selling, or transferring any assault weapon or large
4 capacity magazine; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, Any violation of these provisions would become a class C felony; and,

6 **WHEREAS**, The bill specifies that any person who was legally in possession of an assault weapon
7 or large capacity magazine prior to the effective date of these provisions would have 90 days to remove
8 the assault weapon or large capacity magazine from the state, render the assault weapon permanently
9 inoperable, or surrender the assault weapon or large capacity magazine to the appropriate law
10 enforcement agency for destruction; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, Assault weapon is defined in depth in the bill to include any semi automatic firearm; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, Large capacity magazine is defined as a magazine holding more than 10 rounds; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, Many semi automatic firearms are commonly used for sport purposes such as hunting and
14 target shooting; or currently have magazines with capacities of more than 10 rounds; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, An 11% excise tax on firearms and ammunition set by the Pitman Robertson act
16 raised approximately \$10 million for wildlife restoration programs for the Missouri Department of
17 Conservation in fiscal year 2012; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, This bill would be the leading precedent of firearm bans: now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in
20 Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, opposes the Missouri House Bill 545.