

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2013 Resolutions**

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Support for Missouri Water Quality Standards

1 **WHEREAS**, The state of Missouri has administered the federal Clean Water Act since the 1970's
2 through the Missouri Clean Water Law and regulations; and,
3 **WHEREAS**, The Missouri Clean Water Commission, one of several environmental commissions made
4 up of Missouri citizens, has led the administration of federal and state clean water law for over forty
5 years; and,
6 **WHEREAS**, The Missouri Water Quality Standards, one of the Commission's rules, sets
7 the expectations for clean water in Missouri and provides the basis for all clean water actions,
8 both state and federal; and,
9 **WHEREAS**, Federal law requires the Water Quality Standards be reviewed and revised at least
10 every three years; and,
11 **WHEREAS**, Several sections of the Water Quality Standards need upgrading, including one
12 aspect ruled deficient by federal court and another aspect ruled deficient by the U. S. Environmental
13 Protection Agency; and,
14 **WHEREAS**, EPA is responsible to ensure the Missouri Water Quality Standards meet the
15 requirements of law and have the authority to take federal action in the absence of appropriate action by
16 the commission: now, therefore, be it
17 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,
18 Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, supports the revisions to water quality standards by
19 the Missouri Clean Water Commission such that they assertively protect water for beneficial use by
20 all Missourians.