

**Conservation Federation of Missouri  
2013 Resolutions**

**Committee: Forestry**

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**Thousand Cankers Disease- Education and Awareness**

1     **WHEREAS**, Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD), *Geosmithia morbida*, is slowly working its way  
2     towards Missouri and will have drastic effects on Missouri’s economy and ecosystems; and,  
3     **WHEREAS**, TCD is spread by the Walnut Twig Beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*) which carries  
4     the fungus that causes the disease; and,  
5     **WHEREAS**, Very little is known about the disease cycle and effective treatment options; and,  
6     **WHEREAS**, Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) is one of the most valuable timber and ecological  
7     species in North America, and TCD poses a serious threat to these valuable resources; and,  
8     **WHEREAS**, TCD is a progressive disease that can kill walnut trees quickly after initial infection; and,  
9     **WHEREAS**, Quarantines have affected many other states such as Tennessee where the removal of  
10    infected trees is conducted; and,  
11    **WHEREAS**, Missouri has more black walnut than any other state; and,  
12    **WHEREAS**, Black walnut is a commercially important species, with Missouri being the top  
13    nut producing state, and one of the top producers of walnut wood products; and,  
14    **WHEREAS**, It is estimated that TCD in Missouri would result in millions of dollars lost in annual  
15    wood value and nut production; and,  
16    **WHEREAS**, By the year 2030 the projected total loss in Missouri would be over \$852 million: now,  
17    therefore, be it  
18    **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,  
19    Jefferson City, MO, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013, urges the Missouri Department of Conservation,  
20    Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Walnut Council, United States Forest Service, Missouri  
21    Department of Natural Resources, Forest and Woodland Association of Missouri, University of

22 Missouri, Missouri Forest Products Association, and Missouri Tree Farm Committee to support ongoing  
23 research, prevention, detection, awareness, and education of citizens about the risks and consequences  
24 of this devastating disease.