

Water Quality in Missouri Streams, Rivers, Lakes and Wetlands

1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri is home to more than 150,000 miles of rivers and streams and tens of thousands
2 of acres of wetlands; and,

3 **WHEREAS**, The waters of Missouri support a wide range of aquatic life from macroinvertebrate
4 species to fish that serve as the basis of food webs that reach waterfowl, mammals, and humans; and,

5 **WHEREAS**, Wetlands and marshes provide the most abundant and diverse ecosystems of any in
6 our state; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, Pollution in Missouri waters impacts the health, variety, and resilience of aquatic life
8 in Missouri's waters; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, Missouri's Department of Natural Resources is charged with issuing pollution
10 discharge permits for the waters of Missouri; and,

11 **WHEREAS**, The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is charged with issuing section 401
12 certifications for dredge and fill projects impacting Missouri waters; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, Ensuring that waters remain healthy enough to support aquatic life is critical to
14 wildlife populations and to preserve our outdoor heritage for all Missourians: now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel,
16 Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, encourages the Department of Natural Resources to
17 apply numeric water quality standards protective of aquatic life to all the waters and wetlands of
18 Missouri.