

Committee: Natural History, Parks & Wildlands

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Missouri State Parks Leash Regulations Re-emphasis

WHEREAS, mission of the state park system is to preserve and interpret the state's most outstanding natural landscapes and cultural landmarks, and to provide outstanding recreational opportunities compatible with those resources for the enjoyment of all Missourians; and

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations of Missouri State Parks have been developed and promulgated to assure and promote the safe and enjoyable use of the Missouri State Parks by the greatest number of citizens; and

WHEREAS, responsible pet owners and their pets are welcome in Missouri state parks; and

WHEREAS, to protect the resources, wildlife and visitors in state parks there have been promulgated regulations that require all dogs to be leashed while in state parks; and

WHEREAS, the potential problems caused by unleashed dogs and the potential conflicts with their owners are numerous; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all dog and non-dog owning visitors is and should remain a top priority of Missouri State Parks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO on this 20th day of March, 2016, that the Missouri State Parks management will re-emphasize the enforcement of leash regulations in all Missouri State Parks.