

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2016 Resolutions**

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Amend Recreational Use Act to Protect All Landowners

WHEREAS, Missouri was recognized as the Nation’s Best Trail State beginning in 2013; and

WHEREAS, countless Missourians enjoy trails in state, city, and local parks and communities to get outside and lead healthier lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, trails are accessible to all ages as well as all economic and physical levels at a low cost; and

WHEREAS, landowners are generally in favor of trail development but have concerns about their liability for injuries to trail users on their private property; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Recreational Use statute section 537.348, RSMo generally insulates landowners from such liability with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, landowners inside municipal boundaries are not provided the same protections as landowners outside city limits; and

WHEREAS, landowners should be equally protected regardless of the location of their property; and

WHEREAS, subsection (3a) exempts “any land within the corporate boundaries of any city, municipality, town, or village in this state” from the protections of the Recreational Use statute; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 20th day of March, 2016, support the amendment of section 537.347, RSMo to delete subsection (3a).