

Originating Committee: Environment and Ecology

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Intended Recipients: Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of Energy, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Transportation, Governor Mike Parson, and Office of Administration

Solar Paneling of Missouri State-Owned Buildings and Hardscapes

WHEREAS, Conservation Federation of Missouri’s policy is for Missouri to achieve net-zero emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Comprehensive State Energy Plan states, “Missouri should diversify its portfolio of energy sources...”; and

WHEREAS, the cost of solar power has decreased by as much as two-thirds over the past decade, encouraging investment in Missouri-owned and operated solar installation and repair companies; and

WHEREAS, placement of solar panels on buildings and hardscapes is preferable to the negative impacts that may occur with ground placement; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Energy, the total operating cost for buildings would be reduced by the value of the energy that is produced where solar panels are implemented due to on-premises solar production; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has set guidelines and standards for the future of clean energy generation throughout the State of Missouri and this action would help the state meet the guidelines; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled in Osage Beach, Missouri, this 12th day of March 2022, requests that the relevant state agencies begin to install solar panels on all new state buildings and hardscapes where applicable and financially feasible, and to retrofit existing infrastructure where appropriate.

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