

**Conservation Federation of Missouri
2022 Resolution**

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Originating Committee: Forest Resources and Management

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Intended Recipients: Missouri Forest Resources Advisory Council Members and Missouri Quail/Pheasants Forever

Support for the Women Owning Woodlands Program in Missouri and the Midwest

WHEREAS, many women are landowners and are sole or partial decision makers for Missouri forest and wildlife on the private land they own; and

WHEREAS, women tend to outlive men due to longer life expectancies and will likely make final land use decisions such as selling or dividing forested property; and

WHEREAS, according to the national Women Owning Woodlands network and research from the U.S. Forest Service Family Forest Resource Center, women indicate that beauty, wildlife habitat, nature protection, legacy, and water protection are the reasons they own their land; and

WHEREAS, women are significantly less likely than men to participate in management activities; and

WHEREAS, women cite “lack of knowledge” as a primary barrier to owning forestland but may not attend landowner programs because they feel those programs are not directed at them; and

WHEREAS, programming designed to be more inclusive of women gives women the chance to learn about land management in a comfortable setting; and

WHEREAS, the national Women Owning Woodlands project and University of Missouri-Extension Women Owning Woodlands program for Missouri and surrounding states provides targeted forest and wildlife management programming for women woodland owners and women woodland enthusiasts to encourage and promote more woodland management for forest health, wildlife habitat, and forest products on more private property in Missouri; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled in Osage Beach, Missouri, this 12th day of March, 2022, calls for the Missouri Forest Resources Advisory Council Members and Missouri Quail/Pheasants Forever to promote the Missouri Women Owning Woodlands program to provide opportunities for women woodland owners and woodland enthusiasts to learn about and to participate in forest management.

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