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Use of Missouri Source and Origin Native Plant Seed/Materials

1 WHEREAS the mission of the Conservation Federation of Missouri is to educate, inspire, and
 2 empower individuals and organizations to take action to conserve and to support the sustainable
 3 harvest and wise use of fish, wildlife, forest and other natural resources, to help protect our planet’s
 4 environment, and to nourish an ethic of stewardship and enjoyment of our natural world;
 5 AND WHEREAS, due to historic land use changes, Missouri has lost over 90 percent of the
 6 native prairie, diverse grassland, glade, and savannah habitats;
 7 AND WHEREAS, both terrestrial and aquatic invasive and non-native introduced species are
 8 threatening the long term health and biological diversity of Missouri’s natural resources;
 9 AND WHEREAS, most existing state and federally sponsored cost share, mitigation, right-of-way
 10 development, landowner assistance and habitat renovation programs offered to Missouri landowners,
 11 do not specify or otherwise require the source or origin of plant materials being used;
 12 AND WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Agriculture whose seed law has not been modified
 13 since 1974, does not have regulatory authority over most of the native seed and plant materials
 14 used in conservation and prairie restoration programs;
 15 AND WHEREAS, the Missouri Native Seed Association (MNSA) established in 2006 is an
 16 organization of Missouri native seed producers, retailers, wholesalers, native seed collectors,
 17 learning institutions and state and federal government agencies working together to advocate the
 18 use of Missouri source (born) and origin (raised) native seed or plant material when restoring native
 19 prairies, diverse grasslands, glades, and savannah;
 20 AND WHEREAS, the Missouri Native Seed Association (MNSA) purpose is to enhance the viability
 21 and credibility of the Missouri Native Seed Industry;

22 AND WHEREAS, the Executive Board of MNSA has participated with the United States Department
23 of Agriculture's (USDA) State Technical Committee, along with many other conservation and
24 commodity groups, to develop, review, and adopt a revised set of standards and specifications which
25 guides landowners in the restoration of rare and declining natural communities throughout Missouri;
26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
27 the Lodge of Four Seasons, this 24th day of February, 2008, actively supports and requests the
28 Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri
29 Department of Transportation, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the US Fish and Wildlife
30 Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to adopt, as a minimum
31 Standard, the specifications in USDA's Restoration of Rare and Declining Habitat Standard Number
32 643. The resulting action would ensure that only plant materials specifically adapted to Missouri
33 climates and wildlife habitat needs would be recommended to landowners, and by agencies, for use
34 through state and federal mitigation, conservation assistance, roadside development and construction,
35 and landowner habitat programs when the goal is to restore a diverse native grassland community
36 except in cases where supplies of source identified seed and plant materials are exhausted or not
37 available.