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CFM's Position on CO₂ Emissions

WHEREAS, Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) is a private organization made up of thousands of Missourians who work together to better our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, CFM's mission is to ensure conservation of Missouri's wildlife and natural resources, and preservation of our state's rich outdoor heritage through advocacy, education and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, CFM is actively involved in state and national issues that relate to conservation, the federation has long been a prominent and effective voice before the Missouri general assembly, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, CFM working together with the Missouri General Assembly, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources on the international issue of climate change would allow our organization to protect Missouri's citizens, wildlife and natural resources today and into the future; and

WHEREAS, 195 international governments agreed to limit global warming to "well below 2 degrees C" above pre-industrial levels, and to aim for a temperature increase of not more than 1.5 degrees C; and

WHEREAS, concentration of carbon dioxide in the planet's atmosphere has now surpassed 400 parts per million (ppm) and will continue to increase unless we take actions and support efforts to reduce fossil-fuel emissions; and

WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has warned the CO₂ levels should not exceed 450 ppm to prevent 2 degrees Celsius of warming, the temperature change by which experts estimate significant and deadly climate change will occur in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, human activities contribute significantly to CO₂ and greenhouse gas emissions, and those emissions are the primary part of the problem that we can control; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 12th day of March, 2017, supports the limitation of the anthropogenic emissions and the resulting global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius to protect Missouri's citizens, wildlife and natural resources from catastrophic climate change.