



## Preserving the Solid Waste Management Fund to Expand Missouri's Recycling Industry

**Whereas,** Missouri's Solid Waste Management Fund is the only public resource dedicated to expanding waste reduction and recycling throughout Missouri; and

**Whereas,** much of the growth of the Missouri Recycling Industry is due to the ongoing financial assistance provided through the Solid Waste Management Fund and administered collaboratively by Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts, the Missouri Market Development Program, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and

**Whereas,** the Solid Waste Management Fund that has supported recycling and the development of the recycling infrastructure has been significantly reduced and has been capped to prevent adjustments for inflation until 2014; and

**Whereas,** millions of Missourians participate daily in recycling programs at home, at work, at school and in their communities; and

**Whereas,** investing in recycling provides tremendous returns to Missouri by employing over 28,000 people, creating over \$265 million in annual export revenues, and expanding the economy by more than \$10 billion per year; and

**Whereas,** 45% of municipal waste still deposited in Missouri's landfills is recyclable and has a value of hundreds of millions of dollars; according to Missouri Department of Natural Resource's 2006-2007 Municipal Solid Waste Composition Study; and

**Whereas,** recycling presents an even greater opportunity for economic growth and green jobs creation, according to the Missouri Department of Economic Development; and

**Whereas,** continued investment to expand Missouri's recycling industry will generate tremendous returns on that investment, including creating jobs and stimulating the economy, conserving natural resources, saving energy, reducing pollution, and reducing greenhouse gasses.

**Now, therefore** be it resolved that the Missouri Recycling Association, supports maintaining the Solid Waste Management Fund resources dedicated to recycling, which are essential to maintaining and expanding a Missouri Recycling Industry that creates jobs, generates tax revenues, protects our environment, and strengthens communities throughout Missouri.

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