

Proclamation 13 - 03

April, 2013

In Recognition and Support of the Franklin County Food Policy Council

Issued by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners

Whereas, the Franklin County Commission serves as the Board of Health; and

Whereas, the Franklin County Board of Health recognizes the responsibility to protect and promote the health of residents; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), chronic diseases affect nearly 50 percent of Americans and account for seven of the 10 leading causes of death in the United States;

Whereas, people who suffer from chronic diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, obesity, and arthritis experience limitations in functioning, health, activity and work, affecting the quality of their lives and the lives of their families; and

Whereas, one of the two major contributing factors to chronic disease in Kansas is poor nutrition; and

Whereas, individually-focused interventions intended to control weight have failed to slow the obesity epidemic and have led practitioners and researchers to focus on a systems approach around policy change designed to impact the access to and consumption of healthy food and beverage; and

Whereas, the local public health community works collaboratively to define needs, assess the adequacy of existing programs, develops new strategies, recommend policies, and seek resources to implement strategies,

Whereas, the Franklin County Health Department has established a Franklin County Food Policy Council to support and promote policies and initiatives to improve the nutritional status of county residents through access to and consumption of healthy foods and beverages.

NOW, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners, of Franklin County on behalf of its citizens, on this ____ day of April 2013 do hereby proclaim that the Franklin County Food Policy Council shall be recognized as the community organization, supported and promoted by the Health Department, to recommend policy that may improve nutritional status of county residents.

Dated: _____