

**Proclamation 13-02**  
**National County Government Month - April 2013**

**“Smart Justice: Creating Safer Communities ”**

**WHEREAS**, the nation’s 3,069 counties provide a variety of essential public services to their communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

**WHEREAS**, county governments are often the entity providing both direct and indirect services to enhance the lives of residents and are responsible for maintaining public safety and the efficient use of local tax dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, currently more than 13 million individuals are booked into county jails each year and more than 700,000 individuals are booked into state and federal prisons; and

**WHEREAS**, National Association of Counties is encouraging counties to promote effective community corrections programs across the country through the 2012-13 “Smart Justice” presidential initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, each year since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve;

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, Franklin County had 1436 inmates booked into the Franklin County Adult Detention Center and Franklin County Juvenile Services/Intake served 519 juveniles. The 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections Program served 345 adult probationers, 64 juveniles, 85 teen court youth. In addition, the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Services programs served 341 clients.

**WHEREAS**, these programs and services are vital to the health, welfare, and safety for the residents of Franklin County. In addition, effective correctional policies and programs to decrease recidivism promote productive and positive outcomes for the community and are part of a “Smart Justice” approach for the future of this county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

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Steven W. Harris - Chairman