



PROCLAMATION



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; and

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 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; and

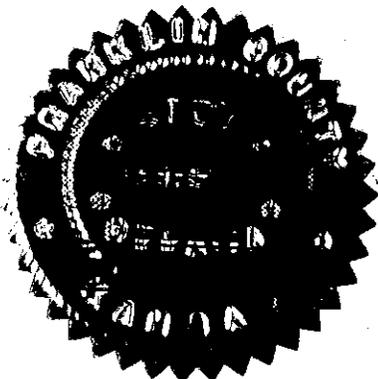
WHEREAS, the Franklin County Health Department has established a Franklin County Food Policy Council to support and promote policies and initiatives to improve the nutritional status of county residents through access to and consumption of healthy foods and beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Ottawa, Kansas, does hereby recognize the

FRANKLIN COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

as a community organization which may recommend policy that may improve the nutritional status of community residents.

SIGNED this 3rd day of April 2013.




Blake Jorgensen, Mayor