

**Proclamation 14-01**  
**National County Government Month - April 2014**

**“Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive. ”**

**WHEREAS**, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

**WHEREAS**, counties build infrastructure, maintain roads and bridges, provide health care, administer justice, keep communities safe, run elections, manage solid waste, keep records and much more; 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**, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America’s counties must be able to anticipate and adapt to all types of change; and

**WHEREAS**, through National Association of Counties President Linda Langston’s Resilient Counties initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on how they prepare and respond to natural disasters and emergencies or any situation that the counties may face, such as economic recovery or public health and safety; 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 2013 Franklin County had 1406 inmates booked into the Franklin County Adult Detention Center and 73 juveniles booked into the Franklin County Juvenile Services Center. In addition, the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections Program served 265 adult probationers, 70 juveniles, and 50 teen court youth. Franklin County maintains 823 miles of gravel roads, 206 miles of paved roads, and 242 bridges. The Franklin County Health Department served 5302 individuals and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

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Steven W. Harris - Chairman