

Resolution No. 12-04

A resolution supporting the Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) and urging Governor Brownback to sign the FY 2013 budget enacted by the Kansas Legislature which includes state funding for LEPP in FY 2013.

Whereas, the LEPP has long addressed a vital need to protect the water quality through local enforcement of environmental policies and standards; and

Whereas, the Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) is one of the most successful example of intergovernmental collaboration between the State of Kansas and county governments; and

Whereas, the LEPP has led to 103 of the 105 Kansas counties adopting sanitary codes approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE); and

Whereas, Kansas citizens receive both economic and health benefits from the effective enforcement of sanitary codes through reduced costs of water treatment and health costs for both humans and livestock; and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Kansas has endorsed proposals to safeguard and protect our state's water resources; and

Whereas, the Kansas Legislature, through SB 294, has appropriated \$800,000 for FY 2013 as state funding for counties for the LEPP, in combination with local funding through local property taxes.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Franklin County Commissioners that:

1. Franklin County considers the Local Environmental Protection Program a wise and prudent investment of State and local tax dollars to protect our water supply and ensure the public health of our citizens; and
2. Franklin County urges Governor Brownback to sign SB 294 with no changes to the appropriation of funds to the LEPP in FY 2013, in recognition of the shared responsibility of the State and counties for ensuring continued environmental quality in Kansas; and
3. Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of Governor Sam Brownback; members of the Senate and House representing Franklin County; and the Kansas Association of Counties.

Adopted this 23rd day of May, 2012.

Attest:

/s/ Shari Perry
County Clerk

/s/ David J Hood
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners