RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FEDERALSBURG ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF FEDERALSBURG'S COMMITMENT TO OBESITY PREVENTION

Preamble

WHEREAS, in January 2013, the Maryland Municipal League entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Institute for Public Health Innovation to work collaboratively on the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Federalsburg has the ability to affect the health of its residents; and

WHEREAS, planning and constructing a built environment that encourages walking, biking, and other forms of physical activity can promote health; and

WHEREAS, high rates of costly chronic disease among both children and adults are correlated to environments with few or no options for healthy eating and active living; and

WHEREAS, more than half of Maryland's adults are overweight or obese and therefore at risk for many chronic conditions including diabetes, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, stroke, and, hypertension; and

WHEREAS, one in three youth in Maryland is overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, more children are being diagnosed with diseases linked to overweight and obesity previously seen only in adults, such as Type 2 diabetes and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the current generation of children are expected to have shorter lives than their parents due to the consequences of obesity; and

WHEREAS, obesity takes a tremendous toll on the health, productivity of all Marylanders;

WHEREAS, the annual cost to Maryland—in medical bills, workers compensation and lost productivity— for overweight, obesity, and physical inactivity, exceeds \$3 billion;

WHEREAS, teens and adults who consume one or more sodas or sugar sweetened beverages per day are more likely to be overweight or obese;

WHEREAS, supporting the health of residents and the local workforce would decrease chronic disease and health care costs and increase productivity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg hereby recognize that obesity is a serious public health threat to the health and wellbeing of adults, children and families in Mayor and Council of Federalsburg and a commitment is needed to put healthy choices within reach of all residents. While individual lifestyle changes are necessary, individual effort alone is insufficient to combat obesity's rising

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tide. Significant societal and environmental changes are needed to support individual efforts to make healthier choices. To that end, the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg adopts this Healthy Eating Active Living resolution:

Physical Activity, Active Transportation, and Land Use

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg, and its planners, engineers, parks and recreation department, community economic and redevelopment personnel responsible for the design and construction of parks, neighborhoods, streets, and business areas should make every effort to:

- Update Comprehensive Plan to:
 - o Include provisions in your comprehensive plan that promote bikeability and walkability
 - o Include strategies that promote public safety/crime prevention through environmental design
 - o Prioritize Transit-Oriented and Mixed-Use Development
 - o Developing Transit Bus Sites Shelters in areas of need.
- Design Streets/Roads to be safe for all users (motorists, bicycles, pedestrians, handicapped) using the following strategy(ies):
 - o A Complete of Streets with needs and improvements listed.
 - o Promote Slower Vehicular Traffic Through Traffic Calming Measures
 - O Adopt a policy to stripe crosswalks when re-paving/painting road
 - Create and maintain ADA Curb cut areas along Town Streets
- Increase access to facilities using the following strategy(ies):
 - o Establish Joint Use Agreements for existing facilities, such as: school playgrounds and pools
- Use Development Tools to:
 - o Adopt a Form Based Code Zoning Ordinance
 - o Require developers to include usable space for physical activity and recreation or pay a fee
 - o Institute a Complete Streets requirement for new development
 - o Town codes based on the Livability Concept.
- Involve the Community in determining your city/towns' policy needs around physical activity, transportation, and land use using the following strategy/ies):
 - o Create an Active Living Community Policy Council tasked with identifying recommendations for the municipality to follow.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg planners, community economic personnel responsible for the design and of parks, neighborhoods, streets, and business areas, should make every effort to:

Create/Promote Farmers' Markets using the following strategy/strategies:

- o Establish a Memorandum of Understanding or Joint Use Agreement formalizing use of land for Farmers' Market
- o Encourage SNAP/EBT to be accepted at farmers market
- o Institute guidelines and/or zoning controls that allow Farmers' Markets
- Develop/Promote Community Gardens, Urban Agriculture, and/or Urban Farming using the following strategy (ies):
 - o Develop a process by which vacant land becomes available for community gardens/urban agriculture
 - o Adopt a Community Garden/Urban Agriculture Ordinance to promote and protect community gardens and urban agriculture
 - o Adopt zoning ordinances that allow backyard poultry.
- Involve the Community in determining your city/towns' policy needs around accessible, affordable, nutritious foods using the following strategy/ies:
 - o Create a Food Policy Council or Task Force tasked with identifying recommendations for the City/Town to follow.
 - o Create a Community Food Pantry

Municipal Workplace Wellness

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to promote wellness within Federalsburg, and to set an example for other businesses, the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg pledge to adopt and implement a workplace wellness policy that will:

- Make healthy foods available in the municipal workplace using the following strategy(ies):
 - o Ensure that water is readily available in municipally owned buildings
 - o Establish a controlled vending machine policy
- Encourage physical activity in the municipal workplace using the following strategy(ies):

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- o Establish physical activity breaks for meetings over two hours in length
- o Allow/encourage walking meetings for different groups and organizations.
- Involve the municipal staff in determining your city/towns' policy needs around municipal workplace wellness using the following strategy/ies:
 - Convene a Workplace Wellness Committee

Implementation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the head of each affected agency or department should report back to the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg Council annually regarding steps taken to implement the Resolution, additional steps planned, and any desired actions that would need to be taken by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg Staff shall work with HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign Staff to explore HEAL policies and to identify those policies that are suitable for the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg's unique local circumstances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appointed committees will report back to this Council with recommendations not later than 120 days from the date of this Resolution.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this	1_ day of	June	, 2015.
Yea/Nay			
William P. Beall	YEA		
Kenneth W. Abner	YEA		
Edward H.Windsor	YEA		
David K. Morean	YEA		
Charles K. Planner	YEA_		
this <u>1st</u> day of <u>June</u>	, 2015) William P. Be	all, Mayor	
Delivered by the Mayor and recorded by Council of Federalsburg this		nute Books of	
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Approved as to form:			

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