

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 03
BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS**

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE KANSAS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM (LEPP) AND FUNDING.

WHEREAS, Kansas Law K.S.A. 75-5657 states: "On and after January 1, 1990 the State of Kansas shall provide state environmental protection grants to local health departments or other local entities for the purpose of developing and implementing environmental protection plans and programs;" and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas has invested approximately thirty-three million dollars over 22 years in the LEP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Health Department has received this grant funding from the State of Kansas since 1990 and it is a significant part of the budget for the Environmental Health Program in the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brownback's proposed FY 2012 budget plans to discontinue the Local Environmental Protection Program Grants to local Health Departments across Kansas;

FURTHERMORE, The Local Environmental Protection Program Grant supports the work we do in meeting the objectives of the Kansas State Water Plan including: inspection of the county's residential septic systems, public education and public outreach, inspection of private water wells, solid waste management, non-point source pollution control and protection of public drinking water supplies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, KANSAS:

The County of Marion will support the continued development and implementation of the Kansas Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) Grant and Funding.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners on this 22nd day of February, 2011.

Roger K. Fleming
_____, Chairperson

Daniel H. Holt
_____, Vice Chairman

Randy Dalke
_____, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol A. Meggard
Marion County Clerk