

# Resolution of Support for the Good Food Access Campaign



Good Food  
ACCESS CAMPAIGN

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans live in low-income areas with insufficient access to a reliable source of nutritious food<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas, insufficient access to healthy food creates challenges for Minnesota residents in communities and populations across the state such as:

- Small town and rural communities, where residents often must travel over 30 miles to reach the nearest food store<sup>2</sup>
- Urban communities, where grocery access is often limited to highly processed packaged foods, and very little, if any, fresh produce from corner/convenience stores<sup>3</sup>
- Lower-income communities throughout the state, where challenges exist to find affordable fresh produce and other foods necessary to maintain a healthy diet<sup>1</sup>
- Minnesota residents who cannot drive or who have limited access to transportation and must depend on others to obtain food for them<sup>2</sup>

Whereas, studies have shown that people who live in communities with insufficient access to healthy food suffer from disproportionately high rates of obesity, diabetes, and other diet-related health problems<sup>1,4</sup>; and

Whereas, Minnesota spends an estimated \$2.8 billion per year on obesity-related healthcare costs<sup>5</sup>; and

Whereas, by increasing access to healthy food and economic opportunities, Minnesota could save up to \$11 billion in diet-related healthcare costs<sup>3</sup>; and

Whereas, recognizing that there is no one-size fits-all solution for Minnesota communities, we must create flexible strategies to improve nutritious food access across communities and incorporate a diversified and culturally appropriate food supply based on community input<sup>3</sup>.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that** \_\_\_\_\_ supports the Good Food Access Fund goal to secure significant new funding from the Minnesota legislature for a healthy food financing policy to increase the availability of affordable and nutritious food in underserved areas across the State of Minnesota.\*

RESOLUTION DECLARED AND ADOPTED. DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Signing on as an organization gives the Good Food Access Campaign permission to list your organization as a campaign supporter.

<sup>1</sup> Kim, Eugene and Manon, Miriam. *Food For Every Child: The Need for More Supermarkets in Minnesota*. The Food Trust. 2012. <http://www.healthyfoodaccess.org/resources/library/food-for-every-child-the-need-for-more-supermarkets-in-minnesota>

<sup>2</sup> Center for Rural Policy and Development. *Grocery Stores by the Number*. Mankato, MN 2014. <http://www.ruralmn.org/publications/grocery-stores-by-the-numbers/>

<sup>3</sup> Minnesota Food Charter <http://mnfoodcharter.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/MNFoodCharterSNGLFINAL.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Treuhaft, S. and Karpyn, A. *PolicyLink and The Food Trust. The Grocery Gap: Who has access to healthy food and why it matters*. Oakland, CA 2010. [http://thefoodtrust.org/uploads/media\\_items/grocerygap.original.pdf](http://thefoodtrust.org/uploads/media_items/grocerygap.original.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Overweight and Obesity Prevention. *Minnesota Department of Health*. [Online] updated 9/24/2015. <http://www.health.state.mn.us/obesity/>

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