

WHEREAS, Truman State University and the University of Missouri Extension work together to promote local foods in our community and make citizens aware of the products available locally; and

WHEREAS, we work together to combat obesity, diabetes, and hunger by making fresh, local foods available through farmers' markets, grocery stores, produce stands and other viable outlets; and

WHEREAS, by buying local farm products you know where your food comes from, how it was grown and that you are getting the highest quality product direct from the producer; and

WHEREAS, buying or growing your own local food helps reduce the carbon footprint and supports the local economy; and

WHEREAS, activities will be held throughout the week on the Truman State University campus and around the City of Kirksville sponsored by Truman State University Agriculture and University of Missouri Extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Richard L. Detweiler, Mayor of Kirksville, Missouri, do hereby announce and proclaim the week of September 24-October 1, 2011 as "Local Foods Week".