

# Resolution 6B

## Food Freedom

**2012 The U.S. Health Freedom Congress**

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**Submitted by Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund**

Whereas, the demand for locally produced foods continues to grow across the United States;

Whereas buying directly from local farmers and producers provides consumers with a completely transparent, accountable relationship with the person who produced the food and empowers consumers to make informed choices;

Whereas, the major impediments to consumer access to locally produced foods are regulatory prohibitions, barriers, and burdens on local producers;

Whereas, there has been no significant threat to the public health associated with locally produced foods;

Whereas, there have been significant threats to the public health associated with the production and distribution of food through national and international channels in the industrial agriculture systems;

Whereas, individuals have the right to choose the small risks associated with local producers who are personally known to them rather than larger risks associated with large corporations;

Whereas, the major impediment to continued growth of locally produced foods are regulatory barriers to entry;

Whereas, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has shown that it does not respect people's rights to purchase locally produced foods, as evidenced by the FDA's statement in court documents that there "is no absolute right to consumer or feed children any particular food";

Whereas, FDA has also stated in court documents that citizens' assertion of "a 'fundamental right to their own bodily and physical health, which includes what foods they do and do not choose to consume for themselves and their families' is similarly unavailing because plaintiffs do not have a fundamental right to obtain any food they wish."

Whereas, recent federal, state, and local government actions have interfered with the rights of consumers to obtain the foods of their choice when there has been no

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demonstrable threat to the public health; and

BE IT ACKNOWLEDGED that: Freedom of Food Choice is a right that should be protected under the U.S. Constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the right of people to obtain the food of their choice directly from local producers be protected regardless of whether that producer is licensed or inspected by a government agency.

Be it resolved that the 2012 Health Freedom Congress has considered the following resolutions and hereby adopts the health freedom principles embodied in the resolutions and offers the support of the member organizations to the extent determined by each organization's governing principles. \*

\*This statement was adopted to apply to the set of resolutions that the 2012 Health Freedom Congress passed June 14, 2012.