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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to, or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has tentatively determined that partially hydrogenated oils (PHOs), which are the primary dietary source of industrially-produced "trans" fatty acids, or "trans" fats, are not generally recognized as safe for any use in food, based on current scientific evidence; and

WHEREAS, the FDA's preliminary determination is based on scientific evidence and the findings of expert scientific panels who have established the health risks associated with "trans" fats; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has opened a 60-day comment period on this preliminary determination to collect additional data and to gain input on the time potentially needed by food manufacturers to reformulate products that currently contain artificial "trans" fat should this determination be finalized; and

WHEREAS, according the FDA, consumption of "trans" fat raises low-density lipoprotein (LDL), also known as "bad" cholesterol, which increases the risk of coronary heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) has concluded that "trans" fat provides no known health benefits and that there is no safe level of consumption of artificial "trans" fats; and

WHEREAS, while in recent years many food manufacturers and retailers have voluntarily decreased "trans" fat levels in many foods and products, "trans" fats may still be found in processed foods, such as certain desserts, microwave popcorn, frozen pizzas, margarines and coffee creamers; and

WHEREAS, regulating food production and food content by limit ingredients that have no health benefits for our children and families should be a priority for the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, support of the FDA's rule change relative to reducing "trans" fat consumption would be consistent with the City's prior efforts to promote healthy foods and healthier eating habits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles, hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT of the Federal Food and Drug Administration administrative action to reduce or eliminate "trans" fats in processed foods.

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