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WHEREAS On February 2, 1999, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court approved the establishment of the MetroWest Community Health Care Foundation; the first private hospital conversion foundation in Massachusetts. Two days later, the foundation was incorporated.

WHEREAS Over \$57 million in grants dedicated to improving health and health care in the region have been awarded benefiting thousands of individuals and organizations;

WHEREAS Nearly \$2 million in scholarship support has been provided to over 1,000 students pursuing degrees in medicine, nursing and the allied health professions helping;

WHEREAS Investments of the communities served have amounted to over \$59,343,402;

WHEREAS Over \$3 million has been provided in direct support to the City of Framingham through grants to the Framingham Health Department, Framingham Police Department, Framingham Public Library, Callahan Center, Framingham Parks & Recreation Department and the Framingham Public Schools;

WHEREAS The Foundation has been the sponsor of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey taken by regional middle and high school students for over a decade that has provided insightful fact based data for our school departments, public health departments, parents and caregivers of youth risk behavior trends;

WHEREAS The Foundation has served as convener of hundreds of individuals and groups and has lead, and assisted in, productive collaborations between leading community organizations.

WHEREAS The Foundation has been the lead funder to bring many new programs and services to the region: including:

- The Tempo Young Adult Resource Center (Wayside)
- A model Jail Diversion Program with Advocates
- The Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
- A Medical-Legal Partnership with MetroWest Legal Services
- Successful gun buyback programs (Framingham Police Dept. & Middlesex County Sherriff's Office)
- An important Mental Health Transition Program for the Framingham Public Schools
- A Naloxone Distribution program for opioid overdoses with the Framingham Health Department as well as supporting multiple substance abuse programs in the region, and
- Being a ground-breaking pioneer and leader in child obesity programs in the United States

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of the City of Framingham do hereby congratulate and honor the MetroWest Health Foundation on its 20-year impact in the region and in Framingham. We look forward to continued success in partnership with the Foundation as we work toward improving health outcomes in the MetroWest area.

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