

Certificate of Recognition

for

“Topeka Jack” Johnson

It is my pleasure to honor the achievements of John Thomas Johnson, a prominent Topeka sports figure in the early 1900s. Known as “Topeka Jack,” he brought recognition to our community through the success he had as player/manager of several Midwestern African-American baseball teams, and through the acclaim he received as a heavyweight boxer and trainer. In addition to his athletic career, he served his community for many years as an employee of the Topeka police and fire departments. “Topeka Jack” Johnson played an important role in the early sports history of Topeka, and left a compelling legacy deserving of our appreciation.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby affix my official signature, and the Official Seal of the City of Topeka, Kansas, on this 29th day of October, 2016.

Larry E. Wolgast, Mayor