RESOLUTION NO. 7341

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember John Alcala, concerning the consolidation of the Parks and Recreation departments of Shawnee County and the City of Topeka.

WHEREAS, the Board of Shawnee County Commissioners and the City of Topeka share a common philosophy of providing parks, greenways, recreation facilities, as well as leisure activities and events for the benefit and enjoyment of people throughout the community respecting the diversity in socioeconomic status, age, race, sex and disability; and

WHEREAS, public recreation and parks provide a very significant social and economic impact on the community’s quality of life; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of the parks and recreation departments of Shawnee County and the City of Topeka will lead to the elimination of duplicate services provided by each of these governmental entities, to the more efficient operation of public parks and recreation services in our community, and to a more equitable sharing of the costs of those services; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of the parks and recreation departments of Shawnee County and the City of Topeka is deemed to be in the best interests of the citizens of Shawnee County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Topeka does hereby resolve to cooperate with the Board of Shawnee County Commissioners to discuss entering into a plan of consolidation of the respective City and County parks and recreation departments as a single taxing agency.

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ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council

MAY 6 2003

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Harry Felker, Mayor

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Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

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