RESOLUTION NO. 7565

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Lisa Stubbs, Bill Haynes, Lover Chanler, John Alcala, Clark Duffy, Duane Pomeroy, Tiffany Muller, Jeff Preisner and John Nave initiating the Topeka Cares Project monetary donation challenge administered and tracked through the American Red Cross in an effort to gather donations for the victims of the recent tsunami disaster in Southern Asia, India and Africa.

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2004, Southern Asia, India and Africa experienced a devastating tsunami. This disaster caused an enormous loss of life and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of survivors who are in need of food, clean water, medicine and shelter.

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka is a caring and generous community that would like to do its part to ensure that the disaster victims’ basic needs are met.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to work in conjunction with the Mayor who recently issued a press release advising Topekans of the various ways in which donations can be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that the City Council hereby initiates the Topeka Cares Project whereby participants may challenge rival employers, organizations, groups and citizens as to who can collect the most money to assist the tsunami victims. Donations collected by those participating in the challenges will be administered and tracked through the American Red Cross, 1221 SW 17th Street, Topeka, 234-0568.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that the Topeka Cares Project goal is to meet or exceed $250,000.00 in monetary donations.

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All donations from challenges must be received by the American Red Cross by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that it encourages all Topeka news media to provide support of the Topeka Cares Project by promoting this endeavor through their respective outlets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that it requests Administration to send a letter by January 11, 2005 to the governing bodies of all Kansas cities of the first and second class challenging them to participate in a like project in their community. Participating cities are requested to relay the outcomes of their projects to City of Topeka's Administration by March 1, 2005 so that the total donation amount can be compiled and released to the media to attest to how much Kansas cares.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council January 11, 2005

James A. McClinton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
DATE 1/6/05 BY ____________________

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