RESOLUTION NO. 7595

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Lisa Stubbs in support of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Community Action, Inc. agency which administers this program for low-income communities in the City of Topeka.

WHEREAS, CSBG provides core funding for a network of one thousand one hundred (1,100) local organizations, including Community Action, Inc., to fight poverty and promote self-sufficiency for low-income individuals, families and communities in ninety-six percent (96%) of the nation’s counties; and

WHEREAS, CSBG supports programs for the neediest in our communities, targeted to individuals and families with incomes at or below the poverty line including the working poor; and

WHEREAS, the flexibility of CSBG allows Community Action to provide a broad range of programs and services, such as affordable housing, health care, job development and placement, education, elderly services, energy assistance and homeless prevention, which are integrated into a comprehensive, systematic approach to fighting poverty and promoting self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, CSBG provides resources to Community Action to serve as catalysts for engaging local partners, including government representatives, area citizens, local business, neighborhood civic groups, and the faith community, in strengthening the low-income communities in which they reside; and
WHEREAS, every one dollar ($1.00) in CSBG funding was used by Community Action to leverage an additional eleven dollars ($11.00) in other federal, state, local and private resources for our community in 2004.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka, Kansas, requests that the United States Congress preserve the Community Services Block Grant as an independent program administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and to provide an appropriation for fiscal year 2006 that meets if not exceeds the fiscal year 2005 level of six hundred thirty-six million six hundred thousand dollars ($636,600,000.00).

PASSED and APPROVED by City Council

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CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

James A. McClinton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

DATE 3/14/05 BY BSB