RESOLUTION NO. 8015

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Lana Kennedy concerning impact of federal law on the access of Topeka citizens to inpatient rehabilitation care and services.

Whereas, inpatient rehabilitation is an important intervention of care for many patients in Topeka, Kan., who require intensive rehabilitation care and services, and

Whereas, Topeka's rehabilitation hospitals and units are important members of the healthcare provider community in Kansas, and their existence benefits the communities they serve, and

Whereas, there is a federal regulation, commonly known as the "75 Percent Rule" that rehabilitation hospitals and units must adhere to and that requires them to treat specified numbers of patients having specific medical conditions or diagnoses, and

Whereas, the impact of the "75 Percent Rule" upon patients and providers is significant and substantially deeper than initially projected by the Federal Government

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in both chambers of the United States Congress, H.R. 1459/S. 543, which would alleviate the impact of this Rule and would help protect patients' access to inpatient rehabilitation care and services

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Topeka, Kansas that the Topeka City Council views H.R. 1459/S. 543 as sound public policy that would be good for the citizens of Topeka, desires to see its enactment into law, and encourages the Kansas Congressional Delegation to work to ensure such enactment.
ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council November 6, 2007.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk