RESOLUTION NO. 8237

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Karen Hiller concerning the City’s recommitment to the mission of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities by establishing a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life; and

WHEREAS, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that on the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Topeka celebrates and recognizes the progress that has been made under the ADA by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting the City’s efforts to reach full ADA compliance.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council February 16, 2010.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk

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