RESOLUTION NO. 8902

A RESOLUTION introduced by Interim City Manager Douglas Gerber regarding the bridge located at Southeast 10th Street and Branner which shall be named and dedicated as the Nick Chiles Memorial Bridge.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 7698 establishes a process for naming City facilities after individuals who have made significant, historical, cultural or other contributions to the City; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been submitted to the interim city manager in conformity with the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Nick Chiles is an individual who has made significant contributions to the City by virtue of his founding of the Plaindealer weekly newspaper in 1899 which enjoyed the largest circulation of any African American newspaper west of the Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Nick Chiles was an accomplished Topeka entrepreneur by virtue of his operation of the Chiles hotel, a restaurant and skating rink; and

WHEREAS, Nick Chiles was a tireless advocate for African American’s social and civil rights.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Topeka, Kansas, that the bridge located at Southeast 10th Street and Branner shall be named and dedicated as the Nick Chiles Memorial Bridge.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on May 9, 2017.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Larry E. Wolgast, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk