RESOLUTION NO. 9017

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Sylvia Ortiz asking that the City’s Congressional delegation intercede on the City’s behalf by requesting Amtrak to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility.

WHEREAS, the Amtrak station located at S.E. 5th and Holliday Streets in Topeka has benefited from the facility upgrades provided by the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad Corporation; and

WHEREAS, an increase in ridership will be difficult to achieve unless passengers are provided the services that make their rail travel experience a pleasant one. This includes assistance with their baggage, convenient lobby hours, and a secure facility in which to board and detrain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka’s Congressional delegation is in a position to intercede on the City’s behalf by requesting Amtrak to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Topeka that it seeks Amtrak’s commitment to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility including staffing of at least one customer service representative, passenger-friendly lobby hours, and a secure facility in which to board and detrain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Topeka that the City Manager is to provide Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran as well as Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, a copy of this Resolution along with a letter asking them to intercede on the City’s behalf by requesting of Amtrak that it provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility. The City Manager shall also submit a letter with a copy of
this Resolution to Amtrak requesting that Amtrak retain the current service level
including the retention of a customer service representative.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on May 15, 2018.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk