

1 RESOLUTION NO. 7341

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember John Alcala, concerning the
4 consolidation of the Parks and Recreation departments of Shawnee
5 County and the City of Topeka.
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7 WHEREAS, the Board of Shawnee County Commissioners and the City of
8 Topeka share a common philosophy of providing parks, greenways, recreation facilities,
9 as well as leisure activities and events for the benefit and enjoyment of people
10 throughout the community respecting the diversity in socioeconomic status, age, race,
11 sex and disability; and

12 WHEREAS, public recreation and parks provide a very significant social and
13 economic impact on the community's quality of life; and

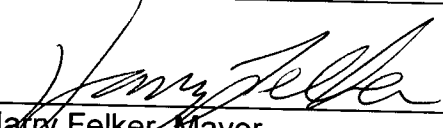
14 WHEREAS, consolidation of the parks and recreation departments of Shawnee
15 County and the City of Topeka will lead to the elimination of duplicate services provided
16 by each of these governmental entities, to the more efficient operation of public parks
17 and recreation services in our community, and to a more equitable sharing of the costs
18 of those services; and

19 WHEREAS, consolidation of the parks and recreation departments of Shawnee
20 County and the City of Topeka is deemed to be in the best interests of the citizens of
21 Shawnee County; and

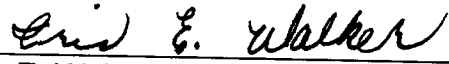
22 NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Topeka does hereby resolve to
23 cooperate with the Board of Shawnee County Commissioners to discuss entering into a
24 plan of consolidation of the respective City and County parks and recreation
25 departments as a single taxing agency.

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ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council MAY 06 2003



Harry Felker, Mayor



Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

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