

1 RESOLUTION NO. 7471
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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Duane Pomeroy relating to the
4 Governing Body's intent to assist in desegregation efforts by
5 promoting desegregated housing and equal opportunity employment.
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7 WHEREAS, Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (hereinafter referred to as
8 Brown) was the most important legal decision of the 20th Century with the ruling that "...
9 in the field of education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place."; and

10 WHEREAS, Brown led to civil rights court decisions and laws in all aspects of
11 public institutions; and

12 WHEREAS, de jure segregation was in many cases replaced by de facto
13 segregation due to housing patterns and individual prejudices; and

14 WHEREAS, the federal government through HUD and previous City officials
15 were involved in decisions to concentrate public housing units in certain parts of town;
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17 WHEREAS, integrated schools do not lead to integrated neighborhoods but
18 integrated neighborhoods lead to integrated schools; and

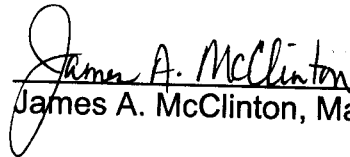
19 WHEREAS, this governing body believes that both economic and racial isolation
20 are detrimental to the community as a whole.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of
22 Topeka, Kansas, express their intent to assist all area public schools in achieving a
23 diverse population by asking its appointees to the Topeka Housing Authority to approve

24 a scattered-site housing program that would attempt to have public housing equalized
25 throughout the community and by vigorously investigating fair housing complaints.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body will continue to promote
27 equal employment opportunity within the City of Topeka pursuant to City of Topeka
28 resolutions and ordinances. This Governing Body recognizes the need for partnership
29 of schools, government, churches, businesses, and individuals in a community-wide
30 effort to insure that all citizens are free from the injustices of discrimination as we enter
31 the second 50 years after Brown.

32 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council MAY 11 2004.

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37 James A. McClinton, Mayor

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Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
DATE 5/12/04 BY BL

