

RESOLUTION NO. 7565

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4 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Lisa Stubbs, Bill Haynes, Lover
5 Chancler, John Alcalá, Clark Duffy, Duane Pomeroy, Tiffany Muller,
6 Jeff Preisner and John Nave initiating the Topeka Cares Project
7 monetary donation challenge administered and tracked through the
8 American Red Cross in an effort to gather donations for the victims of
9 the recent tsunami disaster in Southern Asia, India and Africa.
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11 WHEREAS, on December 26, 2004, Southern Asia, India and Africa experienced
12 a devastating tsunami. This disaster caused an enormous loss of life and the
13 displacement of hundreds of thousands of survivors who are in need of food, clean
14 water, medicine and shelter.

15 WHEREAS, the City of Topeka is a caring and generous community that would
16 like to do its part to ensure that the disaster victims' basic needs are met.

17 WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to work in conjunction with the Mayor who
18 recently issued a press release advising Topekans of the various ways in which
19 donations can be made.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka
21 that the City Council hereby initiates the Topeka Cares Project whereby participants
22 may challenge rival employers, organizations, groups and citizens as to who can collect
23 the most money to assist the tsunami victims. Donations collected by those
24 participating in the challenges will be administered and tracked through the American
25 Red Cross, 1221 SW 17th Street, Topeka, 234-0568.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that the
27 Topeka Cares Project goal is to meet or exceed \$250,000.00 in monetary donations.

28 All donations from challenges must be received by the American Red Cross by 5 p.m.
29 on Monday, February 14, 2005.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that it
31 encourages all Topeka news media to provide support of the Topeka Cares Project by
32 promoting this endeavor through their respective outlets.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that it
34 requests Administration to send a letter by January 11, 2005 to the governing bodies of
35 all Kansas cities of the first and second class challenging them to participate in a like
36 project in their community. Participating cities are requested to relay the outcomes of
37 their projects to City of Topeka's Administration by March 1, 2005 so that the total
38 donation amount can be compiled and released to the media to attest to how much
39 Kansas cares.

40 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council January 11, 2005

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James A. McClinton
James A. McClinton, Mayor

ATTEST:
Iris E. Walker
Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
DATE 1/6/05 BY [Signature]

