

RESOLUTION NO. 7824

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Richard Harmon, Sylvia Ortiz, John Nave and Jeff Preisner stating the City Council's support of the placement of the "Kansas Children's Discovery Center" in Gage Park.

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka is committed to supporting children and families and enhancing the quality of life for even its youngest citizens; and strives to recruit young families to live, work and play in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka is dedicated to education and providing stimulating experiences which inspire and excite the minds of its children, and is devoted to preparing its children for the future and the global economy in which we live; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka embraces the responsibility of nurturing today's children, tomorrow's leaders, teachers, scientists, artists and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka sees the potential for a significant and positive economic impact of an educational facility for children considering more than 116,000 children in pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the counties within a sixty (60) mile radius of Topeka; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka recognizes more than three hundred (300) different hands-on, interactive museums for children across our nation, including eighty percent (80 %) of capital cities, and feels strongly that it is time to bring a Discovery Center to the capital city of our great State.

