

1 RESOLUTION NO. 7847

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Sylvia Ortiz asking that the City's  
4 Congressional delegation intercede on the City's behalf by requesting  
5 Amtrak to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility.  
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7 WHEREAS, the Amtrak station located at S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> and Holliday Streets in Topeka  
8 recently benefited from the facility upgrades provided by Burlington Northern-Santa Fe  
9 Railroad Corporation. However, Amtrak has indicated that it will not designate the  
10 station as a full-service facility, which would include Red Cap Service and passenger-  
11 friendly lobby hours, until ridership increases; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Senators Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback and Congressman Jim  
17 Ryun are in a position to intercede on the City's behalf by requesting Amtrak to provide  
18 full passenger service at its Topeka facility.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Topeka  
20 that it seeks Amtrak's commitment to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility  
21 including Red Cap Service, passenger-friendly lobby hours, and a secure facility in  
22 which to board and detrain.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that the City  
24 Manager is to provide Senators Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback and Congressman  
25 Jim Ryun a copy of this Resolution along with a letter asking them to intercede on the

26 City's behalf by requesting Amtrak to provide full passenger service at its Topeka  
27 facility.

28 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council August 15, 2006.

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

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Iris E. Walker, City Clerk