

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 8388**

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Bob Archer, authorizing the City  
4 Manager to enter into negotiations with Shawnee County officials  
5 concerning the prosecution of domestic battery cases.  
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7 WHEREAS, the City of Topeka and the Shawnee County District Attorney's office  
8 had a successful arrangement over the past ten years for the prosecution of domestic  
9 battery crimes through the District Attorney's office; and

10 WHEREAS, over that ten year period and prior, Shawnee County has developed the  
11 processes and support services necessary to prosecute domestic battery crimes; and

12 WHEREAS, the District's Attorney's office has failed to prosecute domestic battery  
13 cases charged under state law since September 8, 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, the City does not have the necessary support services to prosecute  
15 domestic battery crimes; and

16 WHEREAS, the District Attorney has referenced budgetary concerns as the main  
17 reason for refusing to prosecute domestic battery cases; and

18 WHEREAS, the City is concerned for the safety and security of victims of domestic  
19 battery crimes and is determined to resolve this issue while keeping in mind the best  
20 interest of these most vulnerable citizens.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
22 TOPEKA, KANSAS, that it hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to enter into  
23 negotiations with Shawnee County officials in order to seek a resolution concerning the  
24 prosecution of domestic violence cases.  
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26 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council on October 11, 2011.

27 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk