

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE SOUTHWARD FROM NEWTON, KANSAS, INTO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

WHEREAS, the Heartland Flyer, which travels into the State of Oklahoma from the State of Texas, but goes no farther north than The City of Oklahoma City, is currently the only existing Amtrak passenger rail service ("Amtrak service") serving the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, no Amtrak service directly connects the State of Oklahoma and The City of Oklahoma City with the State of Kansas or with any segments of the Amtrak service that heads northward and westward from Newton, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, national and regional support is growing for a state-funded Amtrak expansion southward from Newton, Kansas, into the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Federal matching funds for the expansion of Amtrak service from the State of Kansas into the State of Oklahoma could be available for the State of Oklahoma through the Federal "Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act;" and

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City recognizes the numerous financial, environmental, quality of life and travel-time saving benefits of connecting the State of Oklahoma (and hence The City of Oklahoma City) to the national Amtrak system located in the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City, who collectively constitute the governing body of the City, desire to approve this resolution

