

RESOLUTION NO. 08-171

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE
BETWEEN OKLAHOMA CITY AND KANSAS CITY, WITH A STOP IN WICHITA,
KANSAS

WHEREAS, the Northern Flyer Alliance is a grass-roots effort designed to extend north, to Kansas City, the existing Amtrak service between Dallas and Oklahoma City; and,

WHEREAS, although the City of Wichita, Kansas is the largest city of the first class in the State of Kansas, Wichita has not had passenger rail service since 1979, and citizens of Wichita who wish to use Amtrak's passenger rail service must travel to other localities, such as Newton or Hutchinson in order to access this service; and,

WHEREAS, current developments in the tightening of federal environmental ozone standards and significant increases in fuel and energy costs support reexamination of passenger rail service as a public transit alternative to transit by highway passenger vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Flyer Alliance has designated Wichita as a stopping point on the proposed expanded rail service route; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Wichita recognizes the financial, environmental and quality of life advantages associated with restoring Amtrak passenger rail service to Wichita;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

Section 1. The City of Wichita, Kansas endorses the proposed expansion of Amtrak service through Wichita to Kansas City, with a stop in Wichita, and further, supports the efforts of the Northern Flyer Alliance to bring about this service expansion.

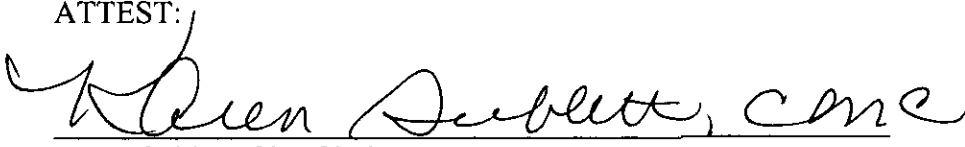
Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Wichita, Kansas, this 12
day of April, 2008.

CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS

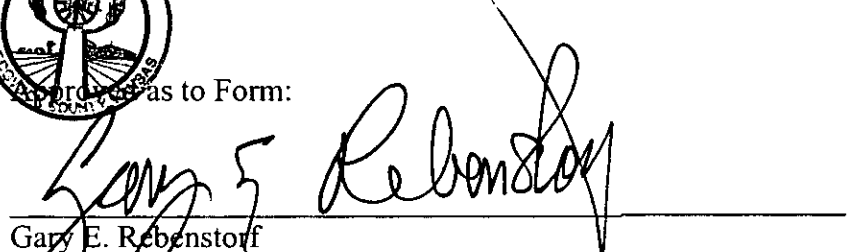
By 
Carl Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Sublett, City Clerk



as to Form:


Gary E. Rebenstorf
Director of Law