RESOLUTION NO. 9149

A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Brent Trout authorizing the initiation of litigation against the manufacturers of prescription opiates and those in the chain of distribution

WHEREAS, addiction to opioids has affected the City of Topeka by virtue of the need to expend public safety resources to address emergency calls for medical services and to address criminal activity related to opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, the impact of opioid addiction has adversely affected the quality of life in the city; and

WHEREAS, many local governments both nationally and locally, including the City of Wichita and Shawnee County, are or will become participants in multi-district litigation against opioid manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies alleging damages caused by the activities of the defendants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY that the City Manager is directed to engage a qualified law firm(s) to represent the City on a contingent fee basis to pursue civil remedies against the manufacturers of prescription opiates and those in the chain of distribution responsible for expenses incurred by the City in responding to opioid abuse.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on October 8, 2019.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk