RESOLUTION NO. 9168

A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Brent Trout declaring a local state of emergency.

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, has been confirmed in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger the health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the City of Topeka; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor declared a State of Disaster Emergency for the State of Kansas, in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Shawnee County, Kansas declared a State of Local Disaster Emergency within the county; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Topeka, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, desires to protect the public health, safety and welfare by declaring a local state of emergency.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF TOPEKA:

Section 1. A Local State of Emergency is declared regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic. All local ordinances and resolutions pertaining to times of emergency passed under the Home Rule Authority of the City of Topeka, granted by Art. 5 Sec. 12 of the Kansas Constitution, are now in effect to the extent that they do not contradict or conflict with the State Emergency Plan or the Emergency Plan of Shawnee County.

Section 2. The City Manager shall keep the Governing Body informed of the actions taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by reporting them to the Governing Body at or before the next meeting after the action was taken.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body or the State of Disaster Emergency Declared by Shawnee County has expired.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on March 26, 2020.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk