

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 9168**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Topeka, in response to the  
24 COVID-19 pandemic, desires to protect the public health, safety and welfare by  
25 declaring a local state of emergency.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
27 CITY OF TOPEKA:

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

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

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

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

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42 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

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53 Brenda Younger, City Clerk