

RESOLUTION NO. 041392

Recognizing Barry Seward for his leadership and commitment to the Health Commission.

WHEREAS, Mayor Kay Barnes and the City Council authorized the Kansas City Health Commission on April 19, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission has the responsibility of aiding in the development of prevention and risk reduction strategies, ensuring ongoing systematic modifications, developing and strengthening health policies, resources and infrastructure, in an effort to effectively provide one of the basic human services of good health; and

WHEREAS, Barry Seward was appointed by Mayor Barnes to the Health Commission and graciously consented to the vote of his peers to serve as the first Health Commission Co-Chair of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Committee; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2002, Barry Seward represented the Committee in a meeting with the interim director of the State Department of Health and Senior Services, regarding State plans for tobacco settlement dollars and State timelines; and

WHEREAS, under Barry Seward's leadership two resolutions were presented to the Legislative Rules and Ethics Committee, which related to legislative and tobacco prevention advocacy. The first addressed statewide funding for tobacco control and prevention activities, and the second was on preemption language; and

WHEREAS, under Barry Seward's leadership, the City Council passed a resolution that supported Proposition A, which appeared on the November 2003 ballot. This ballot language was designed to increase the excise tax on tobacco products. Kansas City overwhelmingly had the highest support; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Barry Seward, the Committee urged the City Council to review its current City ordinance on smoking in public places, and made significant in-roads in partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council for developing a regional approach that included model language for a clean indoor air smoking ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize Barry Seward for his leadership and commitment to the Health Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Barry Seward with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for his unwavering commitment, leadership and contribution to the Commission, the residents of Kansas City and the entire metropolitan area.

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