

RESOLUTION NO. 180326

Recognizing April 24 – May 5, 2018, as the Historic West Bottoms' Fourth Annual Heritage Week.

WHEREAS, the West Bottoms significantly contributes to the historic makeup of Kansas City and serves as a commercial-industrial district that connects the communities of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the West Bottoms history and development is unique and began with trading among Native Americans and the French. The area, originally identified and known as Kawsmouth and later the French Bottoms, is centrally located and has been essential to the growth and development of the entire region; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Historic West Bottoms to promote and advocate for public and private improvements for the welfare of business and industry in the historic location; and

WHEREAS, the Historic West Bottoms has partnered with the Kansas City Public Library, the Kansas City Office of Culture and Creative Services, the Kansas City Design Center, many West Bottoms event spaces, eateries, and other businesses to host a series of events during the Fourth Annual Heritage Week that celebrates the area's history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the weeklong celebration will highlight the progress and potential of the West Bottoms as both a historic district and as a commercial-industrial district connecting communities of the great Kansas City metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the purpose the Historic West Bottoms' Fourth Annual Heritage Week is to remind residents of the region's great times, challenges and potential in the West Bottoms and to re-introduce, and introduce the area to residents and tourists; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize April 24 – May 5, 2018, as the Fourth Annual Heritage Week in the Historic West Bottoms; 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 the Historic West Bottoms organization in appreciation by the Mayor and Council of their work and dedication to the historic area.

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