



## **PROCLAMATION**

***By the Mayor***

**WHEREAS,** *there continues to be members of our society who are homeless, either by choice or circumstance, who need assistance in various ways, both while homeless and in returning to a conventional lifestyle; and*

**WHEREAS,** *society, either through private organizations or taxpayer supported programs, provides assistance in feeding, housing and caring for these destitute individuals; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the cost of providing social services for our citizens continues to increase, and the State faces continuing budget challenges; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the study "Dreams Deferred—the families and friends of homeless and vulnerable people" by Gerald Lemas and Stefan Durkacz, supports the idea of family, friends and relationships for those who are presently homeless; and*

**WHEREAS,** *a family could provide stable housing and emotional support for one needing such and could provide a strong incentive for the homeless person to become an active member of society.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, James A. McClinton, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby encourage our citizens to be aware of the members of our society who are homeless.*



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I, James A. McClinton, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby affix my official signature and the Official Seal of the City of Topeka, Kansas, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2004.*

*James A. McClinton*  
James A. McClinton, Mayor