

RESOLUTION NUMBER 242

BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF

Columbus Kansas

**A Resolution of Support for the Southeast Kansas Regional Application for Electronic Commerce and Communications Planning and Technical Assistance through the Information Communities Program administered by the Docking Institute of Fort Hayes State University.**

WHEREAS, Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Cherokee, Coffey, Crawford, Labette, Linn, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson counties form the Southeast Kansas Economic Development District (EDD), also known as the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC),

WHEREAS, Employers in the Southeast Kansas have experienced great difficulty in recruiting workers that have the computer and other technical skills necessary to drive the new information economy, and

WHEREAS, Many of the smaller Southeast Kansas communities do not have a local Internet Service Provider (ISP), and


WHEREAS, Most businesses in the Southeast Kansas region have not been afforded the opportunity to explore legitimate business expansion opportunities via the Internet, and

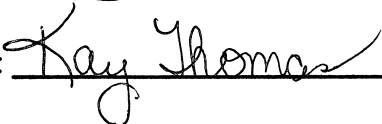
WHEREAS, The Information Communities Program administered by the Docking Institute of Ft. Hayes State University offers considerable benefits to the regions counties, communities, businesses and institutions by providing Electronic Commerce and Communications Planning and Technical Assistants through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, and

WHEREAS, The SEKRPC will submit an application to the Information Communities Program requesting that Electronic Commerce and Communications Planning and Technical Assistance be provided to each of the twelve counties of Southeast Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Governing Body of Columbus Ks supports the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission in its application for Electronic Commerce and Communications Technical Assistance for each of the twelve counties of Southeast Kansas.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF Columbus, Ks. ON THIS 21 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998.

Signed:  Title: Mayor

Witness:  Title: city clerk