RESOLUTION NO. 453

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS ENDORSING
THE JOPLIN REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE (JRPI) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE
TO ALIGN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN
SUPPORT OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION.**

WHEREAS, the members of the three state, seven county partnerships have experience economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, our economy competes and succeeds as a region; and

WHEREAS, the individual jurisdictions strive to work together to promote our region's economy and compete within the Midwest region, nation and global economy; and

WHEREAS, the Joplin Regional Partnership Initiative is a business-led, volunteer driven regional effort to grow the tri-state partnership region; and

WHEREAS, given the size and complexity of the challenges, economic development activities must be strategic and synchronized if they are to have lasting impact; and
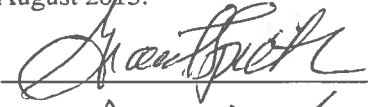
WHEREAS, realizing that no single organization can accomplish the broad range of strategies and actions encompassed in the JRPI Implementation Plan; business, government leaders, chambers of commerce, educational institutions, not for profit economic development organizations and private industries must come together to positively impact the economy; and

WHEREAS, the JRPI is deliberately designed to invite direct participation from a broad array of organizations; and

WHEREAS, the public sector, as a leader and integral partner with the private sector in any regional economic development success must be fully engaged.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Columbus, Kansas endorses the Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative Implementation Plan and authorizes the Mayor or his or her designee to actively engage in shaping the implementation plan and integrate it into the City of Columbus, Kansas economic development activities.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of August 2013.

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~~Mayor~~ President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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