

SEDGWICK COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE ENACTMENT OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION
TO REMOVE FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE
USAGE AND TRANSFER OF THE NORTHEAST SEDGWICK COUNTY PARK**

WHEREAS, the Northeast Sedgwick County Park, located in the area of 77th Street North and 127th Street East, is subject to restrictions on use and transfer of the land that are contained within Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF") Act; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF Act restrictions that now applies to the Northeast Sedgwick County Park formerly applied to Wiedemann Park, which adjoined the former Kansas Coliseum, prior to the conversion of the park designation to the Northeast Sedgwick County Park in 2011, as indicated within Resolution No. 30-2011; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to have any such restrictions on use and transfer of the Northeast Sedgwick County Park property lifted by the federal government through any means appropriate, including but not limited to federal legislative action to remove any Section 6(f) restrictions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, THAT:**

SECTION 1.

In 1992, due to the construction of the Sedgwick County Extension Center building, Sedgwick County converted its LWCF Act Section 6(f) park property designation from 13.5 acres at 21st St. North and Ridge Rd. to 43.4 acres of ground adjoining Wiedemann Park (originally the Kansas Coliseum Camper Park), an existing park of approximately 50 acres that was located between 77th and 85th St. North and just to the east of I-135, alongside the former Kansas Coliseum.

SECTION 2.

In 2011, the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County approved Resolution No. 30-2011, which proposed the conversion of the park property designation of approximately 93 acres at Wiedemann Park to the roughly 650 acres of agricultural land that now comprises the Northeast Sedgwick County Park. This conversion was then approved by required federal and state officials, consistent with Section 6(f) of the LWCF Act.

SECTION 3.

The roughly 650 acres contained within the Northeast Sedgwick County Park comprise unimproved agricultural land. Based upon the location of the land and its present condition, Sedgwick County believes that this land could potentially be used for agricultural, residential, or commercial uses.

SECTION 4.

Usage of the Northeast Sedgwick County Park has been minimal and even if Sedgwick County were to invest increased resources into the park, it appears unlikely that the park would become a significant recreational destination for Sedgwick County residents.

SECTION 5.

Due to the reasons indicated above, Sedgwick County believes that the public interest and the public welfare would be best served by having the LWCF Section 6(f) restrictions lifted on the Northeast Sedgwick County Park so that the land could be sold and used for other purposes. The proceeds from the sale of the property could then be used for the benefit of Sedgwick County residents for purposes that could include but not be limited to the operation and maintenance of other parks owned and maintained by Sedgwick County.

SECTION 6.

Sedgwick County requests that federal legislation be enacted to specifically remove the Northeast Sedgwick County Park from the application of Section 6(f) of the LWCF Act.

SECTION 7.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval.

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Commissioners present and voting were:

DAVID M. UNRUH
MICHAEL B. O'DONNELL, II
DAVID T. DENNIS
RICHARD RANZAU
JAMES M. HOWELL

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS


ATTEST:

KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk

DAVID M. UNRUH, Chairman
Commissioner, First District

MICHAEL B. O'DONNELL, II, Chair Pro Tem
Commissioner, Second District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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