

RESOLUTION NO. 191057

Pledging appreciation for the efforts of Sonia Warshawski to enrich the lives of everyone she meets, and especially the people of Kansas City and declaring December 21, 2019, as "Big Sonia Day".

WHEREAS, Sonia Warshawski continues to be an honored and productive citizen of the greater metropolitan Kansas City area since immigrating from Poland in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Warshawski is the heart of the multi-award winning feature length documentary film "Big Sonia" which takes place in Kansas City and highlights her efforts to educate the public about the Holocaust and help heal the world through her message of tolerance and love; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Warshawski has presented her documentary to U.S. Congress, and was further recognized for her inspiring journey and endless efforts to the community; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Warshawski has demonstrated a unique ability to deeply affect a broad cross-section of our citizenry including middle and high school youth, male and female inmates, the business community, members of every faith, and first and second generation immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Warshawski has heroically maintained and operated John's Tailor Shop providing both tailoring services and a haven for customers young and old to share their stories and seek advice; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Warshawski has devoted countless hours away from her friends, her business and her family to honor the memory of her forebears and become a voice for tolerance and truth. For your constant efforts to make Kansas City and the world a better place, we say, thank you; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge the importance of recognizing Sonia Warshawski and her efforts in education about the Holocaust and declare December 21, 2019, as "Big Sonia Day"; 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 Sonia Warshawski in token of the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her many years engaging in small acts of kindness that have had a BIG impact in service to our City, and of their best wishes for all the years to come.

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Authenticated as Passed

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Quinton Lucas, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marilyn Sanders", is written over a horizontal line.

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

DEC 19 2019

Date Passed