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WHEREAS, Anton Washington is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Martinus “Anton Washington” Curry went to Northeast High School and later graduated from Ruskin High School in 1995. He went on to obtain his AAS in Sociology, with a minor in Business Administration from Cedar Valley Community College in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Anton collaborated with the Downtown Community Improvement District and the City of Kansas City, Missouri to create and deliver emergency homeless services at the Scott Eicke Warming Center, where he helped those who were homeless and in need of overnight shelter and human service provisions; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Anton Washington established the nonprofit organization Creative & Innovative Entrepreneurs in order to continue serving the most vulnerable populations in Kansas City. In 2022, the name was changed to Creative Innovative, and the organization has since greatly helped Kansas Citians access the resources they need to combat houselessness; and

WHEREAS, Anton worked on behalf of Creative Innovative Entrepreneurs to make the Scott Eicke Warming Center successful and participated in the successful delivery of over 14,000 bed nights with an average of 307 guests per night and over 28,000 hot meals served, saving countless lives; and

WHEREAS, Creative Innovative has been providing stable housing for the unhoused, those with evictions, and those with other difficult circumstances for going on 2 years. Since 2021, Creative Innovative

has housed well over 200 people, 92 of which were housed in 2023 alone; and

WHEREAS, Anton has also been a big part of Clean Up KC, a program designated to help clean the streets of Kansas City while simultaneously providing the unhoused with jobs and the incentive to keep their areas clean; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby give their thanks to Anton Washington for his years of dedication to making Kansas City “a city where no one sleeps outside;” 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 Anton Washington with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for the outstanding services being provided to the community by Mr. Washington and his organization Creative Innovative.