

1 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Banks, Ortiz and Duncan, naming  
4 and dedicating the City’s water treatment facility at 3425 NW Water  
5 Works Drive as the Jack Alexander, Sr. Water Treatment Facility.  
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7 WHEREAS, F.S. “Jack” Alexander, Sr. was the first African-American elected to  
8 any Topeka city office, first elected in 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, during his many years of elected service Mr. Alexander led the City’s  
10 Water Department as City Water Commissioner; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander played a pivotal role in leading government in many  
12 areas, holding multiple positions across local and state government; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander was a native Kansan and proud Topeka High School  
14 graduate who excelled in basketball, serving as team captain his senior year on the  
15 school’s last segregated team, the Ramblers, before graduating in 1949 and being  
16 inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander served the United States and Topeka in the U.S. Navy  
18 during the Korean War; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander was married to his beloved Matilda “Tillie” Simon for  
20 more than 71 years while they raised four children in Topeka, Patricia, Jack Jr., Stephanie  
21 and Terrell, along with several grandchildren and great grand-children; and

22 Mr. Alexander was well known for his love of, and involvement in, local sports,  
23 including organizing Topeka's first Black bowling league and being a fast-pitch softball  
24 player; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout his life and career, Mr. Alexander encouraged others to be  
26 involved in the community, serve in elected office and support the efforts of those who  
27 work on the frontlines for the City.

28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
29 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the Topeka Water Treatment Facility and Administration  
30 offices, located at 3425 NW Water Works Drive, which serves as the headquarters for the  
31 City’s water operations, be officially named the “Jack Alexander Water Facility.”

32           ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on\_\_\_\_\_.

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CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk