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**File #: 221071**

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RESOLUTION NO. 221071

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, 2022, as “Big Sonia Day.”

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

WHEREAS, *Big Sonia*, a famous award-winning documentary film centers around Sonia Warshawski. The film takes place in Kansas City and highlights her efforts to educate the public about the Holocaust and help heal communities through her message of tolerance and #LoveOverHate. The film has received 29 distinguished awards for best documentary film; and

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

WHEREAS, Sonia Warshawski has demonstrated a unique ability to deeply affect everyone she crosses paths with and has been able to build connections with aspiring teens and young adults, immigrants, those in prison and those affected by the holocaust; and

WHEREAS, Sonia Warshawski has persevered through hardships in maintaining and operating 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 spent countless time away from her family, friends, and her business to honor a core part of history 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 Holocaust Survivor, Sonia Warshawski, and her efforts in education about the Holocaust and declare December 21, 2022, 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 as a 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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Quinten Lucas, Mayor

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

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

DEC 15 2022

Date Passed