RESOLUTION NO. 96-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS, IN SUPPORT OF A COUNTYWIDE RETAIL SALES TAX.

WHEREAS, on August 2, 1994, the qualified electors of Doniphan County, Kansas, approved the proposed levying of a one percent (1%) countywide retail sales tax for a period not to exceed two (2) years; and,

WHEREAS, the funds received from said tax were utilized by Doniphan County, Kansas, to fund improvements required under the American's with Disabilities Act, for the implementation of a Solid Waste Management System and for the costs incurred to implement a countywide 911 emergency telephone system and to finance other capital improvements or programs mandated by the Federal government or the State of Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, the funds received by the imposition of the 1% countywide retail sales tax avoided the necessity of levying additional ad valorem taxes on real and personal properties in Doniphan County, Kansas, to fund the above stated projects; and,

WHEREAS, as authorized by existing state law the City of Wathena received \$44,281.30 from the imposition of the 1% retail sales tax. Said monies were deposited in the City's general fund and were utilized in such a manner as the City deemed most appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, on June 24, 1996, the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas, adopted Resolution No. 96-06 wherein it provided it would submit to the qualified electors of Doniphan County, Kansas, on August 6, 1996, the proposition of continuing the levying of a one percent (1%) countywide retail sales tax for a period of not to exceed five (5) years; and,

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the funds which would be received by the County from said retail sales tax would be utilized to finance capital improvements or programs mandated by the Federal government or the State of Kansas including improvements to the Doniphan County Courthouse in order to comply with the American's

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With Disability Act, to fund the costs to implementing a countywide 911 emergency telephone system, and to finance capital improvements deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas, including a new roof and other repairs to the Doniphan County Courthouse and repairs and improvements to the Doniphan County Jail; and,

WHEREAS, if said sales tax is approved, the City of Wathena will continue to receive a portion of the tax raised and said funds will again be deposited in the City's general fund and the same will be utilized in such manner as the City deems most appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Wathena finds that it would be in the best interests of the City of Wathena if the electors of Doniphan County, Kansas, authorize the continuance of the countywide retail sales tax.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS, that said Governing Body fully supports the continued imposition of a countywide 1% retail sales tax in Doniphan County and encourages all qualified electors of the City of Wathena to vote in favor of said retail sales tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Governing Body of the City of Wathena and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted this $\frac{1}{4}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1996, by the Governing Body of the City of Wathena, Doniphan County, Kansas.

Mayor Mayor

ATTEST:

<u>Jalalee</u> Miller City Clerk

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