RESOLUTION NO. 01-2

A RESOLUTION STATING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF ELWOOD, DONIPHAN COUNTY, BUCHANAN COUNTY, AND CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, TO REQUEST THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO DESIGNATE A FLOOD RESTORATION ZONE (AR ZONE) FOR CERTAIN AREAS IN BUCHANAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, FEMA has begun a re-study of Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) in Buchanan County; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) completed a Reconnaissance Study on the Missouri River levees in May of 1996; and,

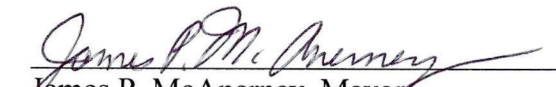WHEREAS, The USACE began a Feasibility Study on the Missouri River levees in April of 1999; and,

WHEREAS, In letters dared December 20th, 1999, and January 26th, 2000, Mr. Michael Bart, PE, Chief of Hydraulic Engineering Branch, USACE, Kansas City District, indicated that as a part of the Reconnaissance Study completed in May 1996, the USACE reviewed the effective hydraulic analysis of the Missouri River and determined that MRLS Unit R460-471 could not contain a base flood with sufficient freeboard; and,

WHEREAS, The affected communities are participating in the Feasibility Study, in conjunction with the USACE, with the intention of pursuing rehabilitation and restoration of the levee system and, therefore, have the intention of pursuing a request for having the FIRMs in this area designated as Flood Restoration Zones (AR Zones) in lieu of AE zones.
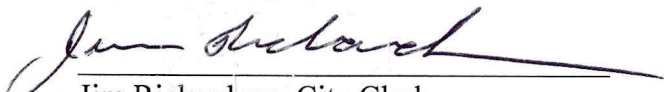
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That the Governing Body, in recognition of the above, hereby affirms its desire that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assist the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, in partnership with the City of Wathena, City of Elwood, Doniphan County and Buchanan County in expediting the process to obtain an Flood Restoration (AR) Zone designation for certain areas in Buchanan County.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 6th day of February, 2001.

James P. McAnerney, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jim Richardson, City Clerk

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