

PROCLAMATION

of The City of Wichita, Kansas Founded in 1870

Whereas, Wichita has a great and growing need for mentors from the ranks of African American men; and

Whereas, Wichita has no shortage of African American men who lead exemplary lives; and

Whereas, the Real Men, Real Heroes Project has successfully enlisted 32 of these men in the service of all children, as no other effort has previously; and

Whereas, Real Men, Real Heroes, in the past year, has reached more than 10,000 children from diverse backgrounds and various races and ethnicities - through school visits, direct contact, community events and Hero trading cards - and has positively influenced thousands of these children

Whereas, Real Men, Real Heroes' success has gained recognition from the White House and whereas President Bush personally recognized the project by presenting Hero Buddy Shannon with a Presidential Volunteer Service Award during his visit to Kansas on May 4, 2008; and

Whereas, Real Men, Real Heroes is now working to expand its ranks and its service, through a partnership with City Hall;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Carl Brewer, Mayor of the City of Wichita, Kansas, do hereby recognize

Real Men, Real Heroes

as a positive mentorship program in Wichita and urge citizens to recognize the viable partnership between African American males, businesses, and community leaders to strengthen the quality of life of African American and all youth and the community at-large.

June 10, 2008

Date

Mayor, City of Wichita