May 18, 2011

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 6880

WHEREAS, the City of Manhattan adopted Ordinance Number 6880: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manhattan, Kansas; Relating to Civil Rights on February 8, 2011;

WHEREAS, the intention of the ordinance was to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity;

WHEREAS, the newly elected Manhattan City Commission voted on May 17, 2011, to repeal this ordinance;

WHEREAS, Kansas State University possesses a non-discrimination policy similar to the recently repealed ordinance;

WHEREAS, protection from discrimination is a concern to faculty, staff and students who live and work in the City of Manhattan;

WHEREAS, the community’s commitment to nondiscrimination is essential to attracting the most talented faculty, staff, and students to Kansas State University and to Manhattan, and a shared vision of fair and equal treatment between the University and Manhattan would be an asset to our community; and

WHEREAS, faculty at Kansas State University wish to see the continued protection of individuals on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Kansas State Faculty Senate affirms its support of the Feb. 8, 2011 additions to Chapter 10 of City of Manhattan’s Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2. The KSU Faculty Senate believes that the re-adoptions of this ordinance would have a positive impact on the City of Manhattan, Kansas State University, its faculty, staff, and students.

SECTION 3. Upon passage by the Faculty Senate and signature of the Faculty Senate President, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Manhattan Mayor Jim Sherow, Manhattan Mayor Pro Tem Loren Pepperd, Manhattan City Commissioners John Matta, Wynn Butler, and Rich Jankovich, Manhattan City Manager Ron Fehr, University President Kirk Schulz, Provost April Mason, Director of Community Relations Jackie Hartman, Vice President for Student Life Pat Bosco, the editor of the Manhattan Mercury, and the editor of the Kansas State Collegian.

Submitted by Donna Potts