

100 Years of City Management in Kansas Sample Proclamation:

WHEREAS, the year 2017 is the 100th anniversary of city management in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 1917, Kansas Governor Arthur Capper signed the bill authorizing adoption of the city manager form of government by Kansas cities; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 1917, electors in Wichita and El Dorado voted to adopt the city manager form and respectively installed their first city managers on June 18 and July 1, 1917; and

WHEREAS, today the city or county manager plan has been adopted by voters in 73 Kansas cities and 2 counties and serves 24 percent of the state’s municipal population; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the city manager plan, cities in Kansas have an additional 97 cities and 30 counties with professional administrators serving over 67 percent of the state’s municipal population; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Association of City/County Management is the professional association representing more than 192 local government administrators who serve Kansas cities and counties and who promote strengthening the quality of local government through professional management; and

WHEREAS, the School of Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Kansas, the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs at Wichita State University, and the Master of Public Administration program at Kansas State University prepare graduate students to work as professional city managers, city administrators, county managers and county administrators:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Mayor of _____, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2017 as

100th ANNIVERSARY OF CITY MANAGEMENT IN _____ DAY

in the _____ (municipality), as evidence of our admiration for professional city managers, city administrators, county managers, and county administrators and in expression of our very best wishes for their continued success.