

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Lawrence, Kansas

WHEREAS: *The American Planning Association designated Massachusetts Street in Lawrence, Kansas as one of '10 Great Streets for 2010' under the organization's Great Places in America program; and*

WHEREAS: *APA Great Places exemplify exceptional character and highlight the role planners and planning play in creating communities of lasting value; and*

WHEREAS: *APA singled out Massachusetts Street for its forward thinking and commitment to comprehensive planning since the 1970s which positioned businesses along the street as central to the area's economy; and*

WHEREAS: *Through street art and historic architecture, Massachusetts Street celebrates its rich past as an anti-slavery haven in a turbulent part of 1860s America; and*

WHEREAS: *Four buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and the City adopted the Downtown Conservation Overlay District and Guidelines in 2001, National Register District in 2004, and updated guidelines in 2009; and*

WHEREAS: *The designation of Massachusetts Street as an APA Great Street for 2010 gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the dedication of current and previous city leaders, property owners, merchants, professional community planners, and other citizens and organizations who have worked diligently toward the excellence of Massachusetts Street; and*

WHEREAS: *Massachusetts Street is a shining example of a classic downtown that remains both viable and vibrant;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Amyx, Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, do hereby proclaim recognition that Massachusetts Street in Lawrence, Kansas has been designated as an

"AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION GREAT STREET FOR 2010"

Mike Amyx, Mayor

October 26, 2010