

RESOLUTION NO. 041303

Recognizing and honoring VERONICA'S Voice for its dedication to community service.

WHEREAS, VERONICA'S Voice was founded in 2000 by Kristy Childs, a survivor of the sex industry and a group of community citizens from Wyandotte County; and

WHEREAS, VERONICA'S Voice is named for Veronica April Neverdusky, a 21-year old woman who worked as a prostitute and was found murdered in Penn Valley Park; and

WHEREAS, the mission of VERONICA'S Voice is to partner with prostituted women in the Kansas City metropolitan community to encourage them to choose lifestyle changes which lead to recovery of their minds, bodies and spirits; and

WHEREAS, VERONICA'S Voice offers young girls and women who are sexually exploited an opportunity to take their lives back by leaving prostitution, drug addiction and a life of violence, transitioning it into new lives free from abuse; and

WHEREAS, the goal of VERONICA'S Voice is to help empower these women to take their lives back, escape prostitution, drug addiction and violence; and

WHEREAS, VERONICA'S Voice works with the women and girls directly, through the court systems, and through referrals. They provide an assessment of each individual, peer counseling and coordinates shelter, food, healthcare, drug treatment and works in collaboration with the Jackson County Municipal Court and Wyandotte County Court systems; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize and honor VERONICA'S Voice for its dedication to community service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that copies hereof be presented to Jacqueline Lea and Kristy Childs with the appreciation of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for the many hours of service that they have dedicated to the community.

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