Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri		**Section: 500** **Resolution**
Subject: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE OFFICERS**		**Number: 07-01**
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WHEREAS, the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri (Board) was established and operates under and by virtue of and pursuant to R.S.Mo. 84.350, et seq., (1939, as amended); and

WHEREAS, the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department (Department) has established itself as an outstanding and professional police department and law enforcement agency with a high level of integrity that has been earned and cultivated over the years; and

WHEREAS, public confidence in the Department's and its officers is imperative in order for the Department to operate effectively; and

WHEREAS, police officers must be seen as possessing integrity that is above reproach and free from inappropriate influence in order to maintain this high level of public trust; and

WHEREAS, The State of Missouri has a significant and compelling interest in protecting the Department from political domination, control and influence; and

WHEREAS, removing restrictions on the political activity of Department police officers undermines public confidence in police officers and the perception that police officers neutrally exercise discretion without improper influence; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and its members are likewise prohibited from participating in partisan political activity, as this is in the best interest of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Board opposes Senate Bill 18 and the removal of restrictions on partisan political activity of Department officers and Board commissioners.

NOW THEREORE, Be It Resolved that the Board be and it hereby does oppose Senate Bill 18 and the removal of restrictions on partisan political activity of Department officers and of Board commissioners; and further said Board opposes any changes to Chapter 84 that would permit Department officers or Board commissioners to engage in partisan political activity.

RESOLVED this ____ day of _____ 2007.

Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri

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