

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08
BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING
A RESIDENT JUDGE IN EACH COUNTY

WHEREAS Kansas Statutes Annotated, Section 20-301b provides as follows: "In each county of this state there shall be at least one Judge of the District Court who is a resident of and has the Judge's principal office in that county." And

WHEREAS, the requirement of a Judge in every county has always been required throughout the history of this state; and

WHEREAS, the promise of a resident Judge of the District Court in each county was part of the agreement made when the counties gave up their county courts pursuant to the Court Unification in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 481 and/or HB 2429 and other bills attempt to repeal K.S.A. 20-301b and would result in some counties being left without a resident Judge and will result in the remaining Judges in rural districts spending more time on the road traveling and less time in the courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the retention of a resident Judge in this county and in every other county of the state is absolutely necessary to provide equal access to justice for the citizens of this county and every other county of the state;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioner of Lincoln County, Kansas, that the current statute requiring a resident Judge of the District Court in each county, should be retained by our State Legislators and is in the best interest of the citizens of our county and the State of Kansas and further that Senate Bill No. 481 and/or House Bill 2429 and other bills should not be given any further consideration of the legislature of the State of Kansas.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2010.



ATTEST:

Dawn M Harlow
Dawn Harlow
County Clerk

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