

Resolution No. 2477-2012

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND RECOGNIZING AMTRAK AND ITS  
SOUTHWEST CHIEF ON NATIONAL TRAIN DAY, MAY 12, 2012**

**WHEREAS,** For many rural Americans, including residents of Kansas, Amtrak and its Southwest Chief represent the only major passenger transportation link to the rest of the country; and

**WHEREAS,** The Southwest Chief provides a key link from Garden City, Kansas to communities in Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico and beyond, and a key tool for future economic growth through transportation-oriented development, more livable communities, and growing rail based tourism; and

**WHEREAS,** Amtrak trains and infrastructure carry commuters to and from work, people to and from medical appointments and to see friends and relatives, and visitors to education and vacation destinations, providing a safe and reliable travel choice while reducing congestion on roads and in the skies; and

**WHEREAS,** Passenger and freight rail is a fuel-efficient and safe form of transportation

**NOW, THEREFORE,** Be it resolved by the Garden City Commission:

Section 1. That the Commission hereby supports National Train Day and Amtrak, and recognizes the contributions of railroads to the City's history and future.

Section 2. That the Commission urges the current track be upgraded and maintained as part of the continuation of the celebrated and historic Southwest Chief on its current route as a key commerce and transportation provider.

Section 3. That the Commission also supports the expansion of passenger rail, including Heartland Flyer efforts.

Section 4. That the Council celebrates the pivotal role that a robust intercity passenger rail system can provide for better mobility for persons of all abilities.

Section 5. That copies this resolution be transmitted to Amtrak, BNSF Railway, and the governors and legislatures of Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

**SIGNED AND SEALED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

  
David D. Crase, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Celyn N. Hurtado, City Clerk