

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Garden City's success depends on making sure that all residents feel welcome here. Today, new residents are a vital part of our community — bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the vibrant diversity that we all value; and,
- WHEREAS, during Welcoming Week, we honor the spirit of unity that is bringing neighbors together across the city; and,
- WHEREAS, all residents of Garden City are invited to join the movement of communities nationwide by renewing our commitment to our core American values and by taking action in the spirit of welcoming; and,
- WHEREAS, by working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and make our city a place where diverse people from around the world feel valued; and,
- WHEREAS, regardless of where we are born or what we look like, we are all Garden City residents, united in our efforts to build a stronger community, and we make our community more prosperous and more inclusive to all who call it home when we recognize the contributions we all make to create a vibrant culture and a growing economy; and,
- WHEREAS, let us come together to build communities where every resident has the opportunity to contribute at his or her best, to create more prosperous communities and to reaffirm that Garden City still stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deborah Oyler, Mayor of the City of Garden City, do hereby proclaim the week of September 8 -17, 2023 as

Welcoming Week

In the City of Garden City, Kansas and encourage all citizens to reach across the lines of differences and participate in making the region a more welcoming place for new and long-term residents alike.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 5th day of September, 2023.

Deborah Oyler, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

Celyn N. Hurtado, *City Clerk*