

PROCLAMATION

of
The City of Wichita, Kansas
Founded in 1870

Whereas, tragedy struck on January 16, 1965, when a KC-135 tanker from McConnell Air Force Base crashed into Piatt and 20th Streets, killing 30 persons, including 7 military personnel and 23 residents; and

Whereas, the events of that tragic day united Wichitans in the spirit of helping their fellow citizens, including response teams of emergency workers, medical personnel and ministers and counselors; and

Whereas, a local committee of citizens responded by organizing two memorial services, helped with the placement of a monument at the site and, in 2004, requested that the signage at Piatt Park be changed to "Piatt Memorial Park" to better reflect the site's history; and

Whereas, the current members of the Piatt Memorial Park Fund Project are seeking support and funding for the building of a memorial monument at the site of the crash to honor and remember the victims;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Carlos Mayans, Mayor of the City of Wichita, Kansas, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2005, as

The Day of Remembrance of the Piatt Plane Crash

in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the tragic event, and do hereby encourage all citizens to contribute to the Piatt Memorial Park Fund to provide funds to build a proper memorial at the Piatt site.

January 4, 2005

Date



Mayor, City of Wichita