

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SEWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT  
LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS,

**Section 1.** Pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

**Section 2.** SEWARD County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,222. As of May 20, 2021, the County population was 21,428 as certified by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

**Section 3.** SEWARD County Commissioners hereby obligate SEWARD County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

**Section 4.** SEWARD County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

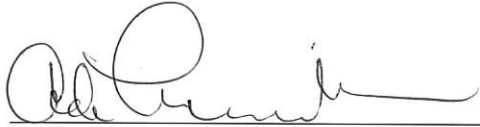
**Section 5.** SEWARD County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

**Section 6.** The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by SEWARD County and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

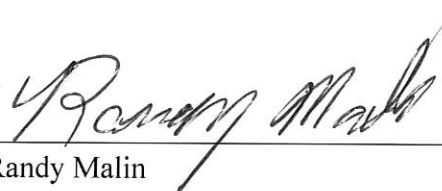
**Section 7.** SEWARD County shall allocate \$0.00 (Zero dollars) a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. SEWARD County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis submitting a new Resolution to the State of Kansas by January 30<sup>th</sup> each year. SEWARD County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of September each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 by the Board of SEWARD County Commissioners, SEWARD County, Kansas.



Ada Linenbroker, Chairman  
Seward County Board of Commissioners



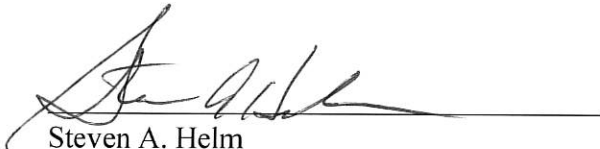
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