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Greetings Friends,

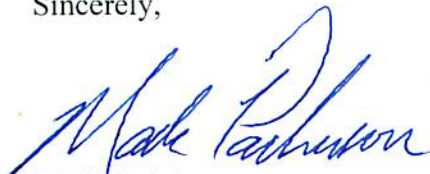
On behalf of the Great State of Kansas, I wish to congratulate the City of Wichita for receiving the All-America City award. I regret that I am unable to deliver this greeting in person, but I am pleased to offer my warm wishes.

I am so proud to see my hometown being recognized for what I have always known – that it is one of the finest cities in America. The judges in Tampa saw that we in the Heartland believe in collaboration and teamwork to get things done, and Wichita is a leading example.

Wichita is a dynamic city, home to a variety of both cultural and historic attractions, as well as new and exciting programs. The three Wichita projects that were highlighted in this year's competition encompass the commitment Wichitans have to bettering their community. Mayor Brewer, Councilwoman Williams and the other Wichitans who represented the city, deserve our thanks for their leadership and resolve in bringing such an honor to Wichita and to Kansas.

Congratulations again, and enjoy tonight's celebration!

Sincerely,

  
Mark Parkinson  
Governor of Kansas