

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Lee's Summit Parks Board and staff on being named the Gold Medal Agency of the Year.

RESOLUTION #17429, December 6, 2010

INTRODUCED BY Bob Spence, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation was honored by the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration with a Gold Medal for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management; and,

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit won the class three Gold Medal Award for cities with a population of 50,001 to 100,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Gold Medal Award honors communities throughout the United States that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition; and,

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit was judged on its ability to address the needs of those it serves through the collective energies of citizens, staff, and elected officials; and,

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit officials submitted a twelve-minute video and application materials about their parks programs that was reviewed by a panel of five national parks

and recreation professionals who served as judges for the award; and,

WHEREAS, Tom Lovell, Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Administrator, said that Lee's Summit projects such as Legacy Park, significant partnerships with businesses, schools and other agencies, its extensive volunteer program, the department's trails and greenway system, and special events such as the downtown concerts, were primary considerations in the judging; and,

WHEREAS, the Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Board is proud of its staff and recognizes that this achievement could not have been accomplished without the involvement and support of the community; and,

WHEREAS, since the award's establishment in 1966, Lee's Summit joins only two other agencies in the state of Missouri that have received the prestigious Gold Medal honor; and,

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit Mayor Randy Rhoads attended the awards ceremony in Minneapolis, MN, on October 27, 2010, and expressed, on behalf of the community, its pride in the effectiveness of the Lee's Summit Parks Department; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates the Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation Department upon receiving the Gold Medal Agency of the Year Award and extends sincere best wishes for continued success in the future.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Chief Deputy County Counselor



Acting County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17429 of December 6, 2010 was duly passed on December 6, 2010 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

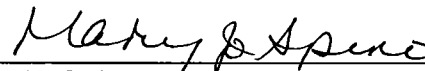
Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

12.6.10

Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature