

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring University Health's opening of the region's only Level IV Maternal Care Center, a milestone in high-risk pregnancy & OB/GYN specialty care.

RESOLUTION NO. 21927, May 19, 2025

INTRODUCED BY DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith, County Legislators

WHEREAS, University Health (UH) proudly marked a historic moment with the official opening of the region's only Level IV Maternal Care Center, the highest designation for maternal care; and,

WHEREAS, the Center for High-Risk Pregnancy & OB/GYN Specialty Care is now operational, offering comprehensive services to support women at all stages of life, particularly those with high-risk pregnancies and specialized OB/GYN needs; and,

WHEREAS, a message from Medical Director Nia Jenkins, MD, states "Today marks a significant milestone as we celebrate the opening of our OB/GYN space - The Center for High-Risk Pregnancy & OB/GYN Specialty Care, I want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors, words cannot express our excitement, your contributions have made this a reality, and we are truly thankful for your willingness to invest in the health and well-being of our community"; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 10% of all pregnancies require specialized care from a Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) physician, also known as a high-risk pregnancy specialist;

and,

WHEREAS, factors such as maternal age, preexisting health conditions, and multiple births (twins, triplets) often necessitate advanced medical attention and with the opening of this center, University Health is ensuring that women have access to the highest level of maternal care right here in the Kansas City region; and,

WHEREAS, with this new space, UH has doubled the number of patient and procedure rooms, added a dedicated ultrasound suite, NST (non-stress test) room, consult room for patient/family counseling, and a space for pelvic floor physical therapy, enhancements that drastically increase the capacity to serve and provide more timely and efficient care; and,

WHEREAS, University Health is an academic medical center focused on providing innovative, comprehensive care while training the doctors of tomorrow, with two acute care hospital locations in Kansas City, Missouri, convenient outpatient locations and the most comprehensive behavioral health program in the region, UH provides the complete continuum of care; and,

WHEREAS, UH physicians lead the way in the fields of trauma care, high-risk obstetrics and family medicine; and,

WHEREAS, UH is focused on providing complete care, whether a patient has the best insurance, or no insurance at all, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, hereby recognizes University Health's investment in this advanced facility and underscores its commitment to providing exceptional care for women, by expanding services and expert maternal care, the center will play a pivotal role in improving maternal and infant health outcomes across the region.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky

Bryan Covinsky (May 15, 2025 12:44 CDT)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21927 of May 19, 2025, was duly passed on May 19, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

5.19.2025
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature