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Resolution No. 22309

Sponsors: Jalen Anderson and Manuel Abarca IV

Date: June 15, 2026

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DEPARTMENT: Legislature, First District At-Large

TITLE: A RESOLUTION recognizing LGBTQ+ advocacy, education, cultural, and community organizations whose leadership, service, and dedication have strengthened Jackson County, Missouri and the Kansas City metropolitan area.

SUMMARY

A RESOLUTION recognizing LGBTQ+ advocacy, education, cultural, and community organizations whose leadership, service, and dedication have strengthened Jackson County: and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ advocacy and community organizations have played a vital role in advancing equality, opportunity, visibility, education, and support for LGBTQ+ individuals and families throughout Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, through advocacy, education, community organizing, leadership development, cultural programming, youth engagement, public outreach, and mutual aid, these organizations have helped foster communities that are more inclusive, welcoming, and equitable for all residents; and

WHEREAS, organizations including KC Pride, Our Spot KC, the Kansas City Center for Inclusion, PFLAG Kansas City, PROMO, BlaqOut, the Trans Women of Color Collective (TWOCC), Heartland Men's Chorus, and Mid America Freedom Band have made significant contributions to the civic, cultural, educational, and social fabric of Jackson County through their leadership, service, and commitment to the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, these organizations have been built and sustained through the dedication of founders, board members, directors, staff, volunteers, educators, artists, advocates, and community leaders whose efforts have expanded opportunity, fostered belonging, and strengthened the region; and

WHEREAS, the work of LGBTQ+ advocacy and community organizations continues to provide vital support, resources, education, cultural enrichment, leadership opportunities, and community connection for residents throughout Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of LGBTQ+ residents call Jackson County home and contribute every day to the civic, economic, cultural, educational, and social life of our community; and

WHEREAS, much of the progress achieved for LGBTQ+ residents in Jackson County has been made possible through the dedication, perseverance, and service of community organizations and the individuals who have devoted countless hours to advocacy, education, outreach, cultural enrichment, mutual aid, and community building; and

WHEREAS, these organizations represent the collective efforts of generations of leaders, volunteers, advocates, educators, artists, and community members whose commitment has helped create a more welcoming, affirming, and inclusive community for all residents; and,

WHEREAS, at a time when many LGBTQ+ residents, particularly transgender and gender-diverse individuals, face increasing uncertainty regarding access to healthcare, legal protections, and equal treatment, these community organizations continue to serve as essential sources of advocacy, support, education, and connection;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby honors the lasting contributions of LGBTQ+ advocacy, education, cultural, and community organizations whose work has strengthened Jackson County and improved the lives of countless residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature acknowledges the essential role these organizations play in fostering community, providing support, promoting civic engagement, preserving culture and history, and creating opportunities for LGBTQ+ residents to live openly and authentically within Jackson County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature expresses its gratitude for the tireless efforts of these organizations and affirms that their work has left an enduring and positive impact on Jackson County, helping ensure that current and future generations may live, work, and thrive in a community where all people are treated with dignity, respect, and belonging.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NO

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

YES

ACTION NEEDED: Choose an item.

ATTACHMENTS:

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