

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Martha Gershun, Executive Director of Jackson County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), on receiving the 2012 Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership Award.

RESOLUTION NO. 18038, December 3, 2012

INTRODUCED BY Crystal Williams, Dan Tarwater, Scott Burnett, Theresa Garza Ruiz, Fred Arbanas, James D. Tindall, Dennis Waits, Greg Grounds, and Bob Spence, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Martha Gershun, Executive Director of Jackson County CASA, recently received the Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership Award, presented by Support Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, this prestigious award recognizes Ms. Gershun's strong fiscal management and sound strategic focus as the leader of a high performing agency with a budget of \$1 million or less; and,

WHEREAS, CASA staff and volunteers serve as advocates for over 800 abused and neglected children in the court system each year; and,

WHEREAS, through CASA's efforts children are usually in the system for less time and are less likely to be re-abused; and,

WHEREAS, under Ms. Gershun's leadership, Jackson County CASA's Light of Hope benefit has become Greater Kansas City's largest breakfast fundraising even with more

than 1,000 in attendance; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Gershun also led the effort to purchase the historic home in which CASA's offices are housed near the Jackson County Family Court, saving the organization over \$40,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Gershun holds a bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University, a Master's in Business Administration from Harvard Business School, and a graduate degree in economics from the University of Stirling, Scotland, where she was a Rotary International Fellow; and,


WHEREAS, Ms. Gershun's impressive resume includes serving as the Dean and Center Director for Keller Graduate School of Management, Chief Executive Officer of BizSpace, Assistant Vice President of Knowledge Development at H&R Block and Executive Director of Reach Out and Read; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Martha Gershun on the honor of receiving the 2012 Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership Award.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Senior Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18038 of December 3, 2012, was duly passed on December 3, 2012 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

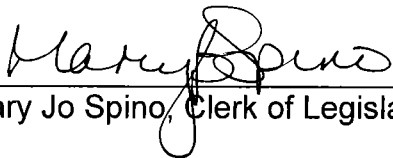
Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

12.3.12
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature