

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognition of twenty years of unwavering dedicated service to the Housing Authority of Kansas City, where Gerald Douglas has served as Resident Service Director, helping support families and strengthening the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 22242, April 13, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Gerald Douglas was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and has dedicated his life to service, advocacy, and community empowerment; and,

WHEREAS, he has earned his Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Washburn University, laying the foundation for what would become a remarkable career spanning over 40 years in the Kansas City community; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald has shown tremendous leadership, compassion, and collaboration with the city of Kansas City and has been a champion for local organizations; and,

WHEREAS, his lifelong commitment to social work has been driven by a deep passion for helping others, uplifting families, and creating pathways to stability and self-sufficiency; and,

WHEREAS, before joining the Housing Authority of Kansas City (HAKC), Gerald served the community through his work with Restart, where he made a profound impact on individuals and families experiencing homelessness and hardship; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald began his journey at HAKC as a Case Worker, where his compassion, integrity, and commitment to excellence quickly set him apart; and,

WHEREAS, through years of dedicated service and leadership, Gerald rose to the position of Resident Services Director, where he has worked tirelessly to strengthen partnerships, expand resources, and ensure that families served by HAKC receive the highest level of support; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald is widely recognized as a true champion in the Kansas City community. He has worked alongside countless community partners, organizations, and stakeholders to improve lives and build stronger neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, his philosophy is simple yet powerful: clients and community always come first; and,

WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to Lisa Douglas, and together they are blessed with two children, Gerell Douglas and Kyla Douglas, who remain a source of pride and inspiration in his life; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature would like to thank Gerald Douglas for his dedicated work for the citizens of the Jackson County community.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Whitney S. Miller
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22242 of April 13, 2026, was duly passed on April 20, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

Excused 1

4.20.2026
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature