

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing Alice Kitchen for her years of service in social work and with the Community Services Department at Children's Mercy Hospital.

**RESOLUTION #17372**, September 20, 2010

**INTRODUCED BY** Scott Burnett, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Alice Kitchen is the director of Social Work and Community Services department at Children's Mercy Hospital, having developed her small staff into a comprehensive force for family-centered care; and,

WHEREAS, Alice was the force behind the creation of the Medicaid Application Unit, developed to increase healthcare coverage for children, and was the key support behind the Missouri Child Health Insurance Plan legislation in 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Alice has long championed child welfare causes, building multiple coalitions in the community to secure support for the creation of The Child Protection Center, a child advocacy facility for children who have been abused or neglected; and,

WHEREAS, Alice has been a cutting-edge leader in the identification and intervention for pregnant and postpartum women and their children affected by substance abuse, facilitating the Kansas City Task Force on Families Affected by Substance Abuse since 1989; and,

WHEREAS, Alice was instrumental in bringing federal funding to the Team for Infants Endangered by Substance Abuse (TIES) program, and was an original supporter of the COMBAT initiative; and,

WHEREAS, Alice was a founding member of the statewide Perinatal Task Force on Substance Abuse and a facilitator of interagency agreements between local, county, and federal judiciary and law enforcement to defer prosecution of pregnant substance abusers willing to seek treatment; and,

WHEREAS, Alice received the Ida M. Cannon Award from the National Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care for her extensive work establishing hospital satellite clinics at Operation Breakthrough and in area schools, and her other out-reach programs to families with young children, including Spanish-speaking immigrant families; and,

WHEREAS, Alice's passion for helping families was recognized when she received one of only four Unsung Heroines Awards from Mitsubishi Motors USA Foundation, having been nominated for the honor by Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes Alice Kitchen for her years of service to the community and extends sincere gratitude for her commitment to area children and families.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Greg D. Hallen*                      *Tim B. Snyder*  
Chief Deputy County Counselor                      Acting County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17372 of September 20, 2010, was duly passed on September 20, 2010 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

9.21.10  
Date

*Mary Jo Spino*  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature