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DEPARTMENT: Legislative

TITLE: Recognizing and Congratulating Dr. Ashton Sellers During Women's Month

Recognizing and Congratulating Dr. Ashton R. Sellers During Women's Month on Becoming the First African American/Native American Female Veterinarian to Own a Hospital in the Kansas City Area

Whereas, Women's Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements, leadership, and contributions of women who break barriers and inspire future generations; and Whereas, Dr. Ashton R. Sellers' love for animals began in early childhood, nurtured by her passion for reading and learning-especially her favorite book, an encyclopedia of large cats throughout history-which first sparked her dream of becoming an "animal doctor"; and Whereas, Dr. Sellers' dedication to animal care grew as she volunteered at Wayside Waifs during middle school, walking dogs and providing enrichment for both dogs and cats, and later shadowed Dr. Swope at Northeast Animal Hospital during high school, where she discovered her passion for surgery and solidified her commitment to veterinary medicine; and Whereas, Dr. Sellers now serves as the Head Veterinarian and Owner of Hickman Mills Animal Hospital, where she delivers compassionate, trustworthy, and high-quality veterinary care to the Kansas City community, guided by her respect for the human-animal bond and her belief in

accessible, ethical care; and Whereas, Dr. Sellers earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts and Nevis, graduating in 2023, and completed her clinical rotations at Louisiana State University, gaining extensive hands-on experience and developing interests in reproductive health, wildlife medicine, and exotic animal care; and Whereas, her professional focus includes small animal preventive care, diagnostic imaging, and soft tissue surgery, with continued interests in neurology and reproductive health, demonstrating her commitment to comprehensive and progressive veterinary medicine; and Whereas, Dr. Sellers has achieved a historic milestone as the first African American/Native American female veterinarian to own a veterinary hospital in the Kansas City area-an extraordinary accomplishment that reflects perseverance, leadership, and meaningful advancement within the veterinary profession; and Whereas, Dr. Sellers is an active member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the National Association of Black Veterinarians, and the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, underscoring her dedication to continued education, professional growth, and community engagement; and Whereas, she remains committed to expanding access to affordable veterinary care, supporting local rescue organizations-including the Missouri German Shepherd Rescue-and growing Hickman Mills Animal Hospital to serve as many animals and families as possible; and Whereas, beyond her clinical work, Dr. Sellers is passionate about wildlife and exotic animal education, rescue, and rehabilitation, and enjoys horseback riding, reading, watching sports, and spending time near lakes and oceans; Now, therefore, be it resolved that during Women’s Month, Dr. Ashton R. Sellers is hereby recognized, honored, and congratulated for her historic achievement, her outstanding contributions to veterinary medicine, and her unwavering service to the Kansas City community. Her leadership, vision, and dedication stand as an inspiration to women, future veterinarians, and community members alike.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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ACTION NEEDED: COURTESY (NO LEGAL IMPACT)

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