

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault's Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign.

RESOLUTION NO. 21607, April 29, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Jalen Anderson, Jeanie Lauer, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, and DaRon McGee, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month with its "Building Connected Communities" campaign; and,

WHEREAS, the campaign seeks to uplift the role of inclusive, equitable, and connected communities in reducing sexual abuse, assault, and harassment; and,

WHEREAS, during 2023, the Kansas City Police Department had 600 reports of sex crimes and St. Luke's Health System provided consultations and exams to 338 patients, an increase of nearly 23% from 2022; and,

WHEREAS, during this time MOCSA served 1,268 advocacy clients and 1,116 counseling clients, working to promote the collective well-being of our communities, and encouraging individuals to show their support for survivors of sexual assault, abuse, and harassment; and,

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about sexual violence, and to educate communities on how to prevent sexual abuse throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, MOCSA strives for a community free from sexual violence while reconciling the history of marginalization, underservice, and injustice in our diverse population; and,

WHEREAS, MOCSA seeks to collaborate within our region to harness the power of its client-centered, trauma-informed practices to help everyone impacted by sexual violence to lead better and safer lives; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault and supports its efforts to improve the lives of those impacted by sexual abuse through its Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (Apr 25, 2024 09:59 CDT)
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21607 of April 29, 2024, was duly passed on April 29, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

4.29.2024
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature