

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

**A RESOLUTION** expressing the support of the Jackson County Legislature for the creation of a Jackson County Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Community Solutions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21742**, September 30, 2024

**INTRODUCED BY** Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, gun violence remains the leading cause of death for children and adolescents in the United States, according to the latest mortality data published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and,

WHEREAS, gun suicide claims the lives of more than 25,000 people in the United States every year; and,

WHEREAS, in the eight years between 2015 and 2022 over 19,000 people were shot and killed or wounded in the United States in a mass shooting; and,

WHEREAS, funding for Jackson County Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Community Solutions shall come from the Marijuana Tax Fund; and,

WHEREAS, in Jackson County gun violence should be the forefront of violence related issues that needs direct attention and a call to action as gun violence effects the citizens of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature hereby supports the creation and funding of a Jackson County Office of Gun Violence; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson County Office of Gun Violence will work to strengthen coordination, capacity and partnerships to address the root causes of gun violence, and to advance policies and practices that are grounded in race equity, to prevent all forms of violence and to promote healing across all communities in Jackson County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the passage of this resolution, the Jackson County Executive shall have the support of this body to establish and advertise the role of County Gun Violence Prevention Officers and commence recruitment to ensure the Jackson County Office of gun violence prevention is operational and effective.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Whitney Miller  
Whitney Miller (Oct 21, 2024 11:38 CDT)  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21742 of September 30, 2024, was duly passed on October 21, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

10.21.2024  
Date

Mary Jo Spino  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature