

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring Rosilyn Temple during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

RESOLUTION NO. 22243, April 20, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Donna Peyton, County Legislator

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is a time for communities across the nation to honor survivors of crime, remember those whose lives were taken, and recognize the individuals and organizations who work tirelessly to support victims and advance justice; and,

WHEREAS, Rosilyn Temple, founder of Kansas City Mothers in Charge (KC MIC), has become a leading voice for crime victims and a steadfast advocate for families affected by homicide in the Kansas City metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Temple's commitment to victim support began after the tragic loss of her son, Antonio "Pee Wee" Thompson in 2011, an experience that revealed the urgent need for compassionate community-based crisis intervention for families facing unimaginable grief; and,

WHEREAS, in 2014, she established the Kansas City chapter of Mothers in Charge, creating a model of trauma-informed, on-scene support that has since provided comfort, guidance, and advocacy to hundreds of families during their darkest moments; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Temple remains on call 24 hours a day, responding to homicide scenes to serve as a bridge between grieving families and law enforcement, ensuring that victims' loved ones are treated with dignity, compassion, and respect; and,

WHEREAS, under her leadership, KC MIC has expanded to include violence-prevention initiatives, neighborhood canvassing, the "Why Are We So Angry?" community engagement program, Hope & Healing support groups, and numerous outreach efforts that promote safety, healing, and justice; and,

WHEREAS, her unwavering dedication has earned her numerous honors, including the Kansas City Star Citizen of the Year Award, the FBI Community Leadership Award, the NAACP Carl Johnson Humanitarian Award, and the Alvin Brooks Award from the Kansas City Crime Commission; and,

WHEREAS, during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, it is especially fitting to recognize Ms. Temple for her extraordinary service, her advocacy for victims' rights, and her leadership in creating a more compassionate and responsive community for those impacted by violence; and,

WHEREAS, beyond her public work, Ms. Temple is beloved by her family, especially her great-grandchildren, is known for her joyful spirit, and her cherished Friday hair appointments; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we honor and commend Rosilyn Temple for her exceptional contributions to victim advocacy, her tireless support of families affected by homicide, and her unwavering commitment to healing and justice; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature present this Resolution during National Crime Victims' Rights Week as a tribute to her profound impact on the Kansas City community and her enduring dedication to ensuring that no family walks the path of grief alone.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Cornish
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22243 of April 20, 2026, was duly passed on April 20, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 6

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

Excused 1

4.20.2026
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature