

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Friendship Baptist Church's momentous Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Emanuel Lisk Center for Youth Development on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. to be held at Friendship Baptist Church, 3530 Chelsea, Kansas City, Missouri.

RESOLUTION NO. 21467, November 6, 2023

INTRODUCED BY DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith, County Legislators

WHEREAS, founded in 1915, the Friendship Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. G.W. Boyd, had its humble beginnings at the 150 block of 12th Street, then to a tent at 14th and Vine, and finally to 17th and Tracy all in Kansas City, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, at the time of Rev. Boyd's death in 1918, the church had grown and consisted of Sunday School classes, a Young People's Department, a Deacon's Board, Mother's Board, and Choir; and,

WHEREAS, Friendship Baptist Church has been a beacon of hope and community service in Kansas City for 108 years, embarking on an ambitious project to establish a state-of-the-art Emanuel Lisk Center for Youth Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Emanuel Lisk Center for Youth Development aims to provide a safe, inclusive, and empowering space for the church's youth to develop their skills, talents, and character, enabling them to become exemplary leaders of tomorrow; and,

WHEREAS, the spiritual principals of Friendship Baptist Church are keeping God First by building lives through Christ, teaching and evangelizing through the Word of God with ongoing passion, and a commitment to a spirit-filled environment of family, fellowship, and community service; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. James Allen Terrance, Jr., of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, became the seventh pastor installed in March 2003, and as a result, Friendship Baptist Church continues to grow spiritually, numerically, and financially to serve its current diverse membership; and,

WHEREAS, the Friendship Baptist Church family feels blessed to witness God's gracious direction and generous provision by celebrating this momentous Groundbreaking Ceremony for its Emanuel Lisk Center for Youth Development; and,

WHEREAS, Friendship Baptist Church celebrates 108 years of committed service to the Lord and continues to look toward the future with the intent of partnering with God in new ways so as to glorify Him and fulfill His Mission; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby extends congratulations and best wishes to the past and present members of Friendship Baptist Church, who have worked faithfully and given generously to make the dreams of the Emanuel Lisk Center for Youth Development become a reality.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan D. Worsky

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21467 of November 6, 2023, was duly passed on November 6, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

11-6-2023
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature