

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring the Kansas City Indian Center during National Native American Heritage Month

RESOLUTION NO. 22114, November 20, 2025

INTRODUCED BY Donna Peyton, County Legislator

WHEREAS, November is recognized nationally as Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of Native peoples across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Heart of America Indian Center, Inc., doing business as the Kansas City Indian Center, has served as the Kansas City area's only multi-purpose social service agency for Native Americans since its incorporation in 1971; and,

WHEREAS, the Center was born from the grassroots efforts of local elders who, in the wake of World War II and federal urban relocation and termination policies, sought to preserve their cultural and spiritual traditions and assist Native Americans relocating to the metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, for over five decades, the Kansas City Indian Center has remained steadfast in its mission to encourage the social, educational, and economic advancement of the Native American community by promoting traditional and cultural values; and,

WHEREAS, the Center's annual residential youth camp has been empowering youth, developing leaders, and building community for 44 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Center provides vital health, social, and cultural services to Native American individuals and families, advocates on their behalf, fosters intertribal fellowship, and supports artistic and vocational pursuits; and,

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Indian Center continues to be a beacon of resilience, unity, and cultural pride for Native Americans in the Kansas City region and beyond; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we honor and recognize the Kansas City Indian Center for its enduring commitment to the Native American community and its invaluable contributions during National Native American Heritage Month and throughout the year.

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 (Nov 19, 2025 12:35:35 CST)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22114 of November 20, 2025, was duly passed on November 20, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

11.20.2025

Date

Mary Jo Spino

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature