



Jackson County, Missouri

Request for Legislative Action

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: 05/13/2024 **SPONSOR:** Manuel Abarca IV

To be completed by the County Counselor's Office:

NUMBER: _____ **ASSIGNED MEETING DATE:** 05/13/2024

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DEPARTMENT: County Legislature

TITLE: A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of trans rights to the Missouri General Assembly FY 2025.

SUMMARY:

WHEREAS, by Resolution 20841, dated December 13, 2021, the Legislature awarded an elevenmonth contract with two twelve-month options to extend Fred Dreiling, LLC, of Kansas City (Jackson County) MO, to serve as the Legislature's Chief Lobbyist; and,
WHEREAS, in this capacity, the Chief Lobbyist's responsibilities include assessing the current political climate in the State of Missouri, recommending appropriate strategies that would benefit the County, informing the Legislature on all pertinent legislative issues, and providing lobbying service as requested; and,
WHEREAS, the creation and protection of inclusive policies advocating and lobbying for the rights of transgender Missourians is of significant importance; and,
WHEREAS, the legislature expresses disagreement with Republican leaders in Jefferson City in their attacks against the Missouri transgender community; and,
WHEREAS, the legislature expresses support for inclusive policies that do not dehumanize the transgender community and commends policies that are humanizing, protective, and welcoming; and,
WHEREAS, the Legislature hereby instructs the Chief Lobbyist to fight against bills that exclude transgender citizens from participating in sports and/or restricts transgender citizens from their rights of choice related to restrooms; and,
WHEREAS, the Legislature expresses the intent to develop a plan to lobby for the protection and extension of the rights of transgender Missourians in Jefferson City; now therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of rights for transgender citizens before the Missouri General Assembly.



FINANCIAL IMPACT: NO
YES

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail
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ACTION NEEDED: COURTESY (NO LEGAL IMPACT)

ATTACHMENT(S):