

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City as it celebrates 120 years of service to the residents of Jackson County.

RESOLUTION NO. 21033, August 29, 2022

INTRODUCED BY Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City began in 1901 as United Jewish Charities after the merger of five volunteer relief agencies formed to help the wave of immigrants from eastern Europe; and,

WHEREAS, in 1919 Jewish Family Services opened the Alfred Benjamin Dispensary to care for indigents who could not afford medical care and to provide a medical setting for Jewish physicians unable to secure residencies in any other Kansas City hospital; and,

WHEREAS, this early program eventually grew into the Menorah Medical Center; and,

WHEREAS, over its decades of service to the Kansas City community, Jewish Family Services added many specialized services, including programs for older adults in 1957, adoption and foster care services in 1964, family counseling services in 1976, adolescent services in 1986, a resettlement program for Soviet Jews in 1990, the JFS Chaplaincy program to meet spiritual needs in 2006, the Jewish Community Mental Health Coalition program in 2011, a food pantry in 2012, and in 2019, KeshherKC, a holistic social services program; and,

WHEREAS, today Jewish Family Services provides a breadth of services to support and strengthen lives throughout Greater Kansas City, including creative solutions to meet the community's needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Services provides essential human services for people facing challenges in everyday life or time of crisis, regardless of faith, age, culture, or lifestyle; and,

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Services has a highly skilled and compassionate staff dedicated to preserving the well-being, comfort, and dignity of others, always respecting the confidentiality of the more than 10,000 people it serves annually; now therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Jewish Family Services of Greater Kansas City on the occasion of its 120th year of service to the residents of Jackson County.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Chief Deputy County Counselor



County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21033 of August 29, 2022, was duly passed on August 29, 2022 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7


Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

8/29/2022

Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature