

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity “MORE²”, an inter-faith social justice organization, on the occasion of its 10th anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO. 18603, September 15, 2014

INTRODUCED BY Crystal Williams, Theresa Garza Ruiz, Fred Arbanas, Kenneth T. Bacchus, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, and grounds, County Legislators

WHEREAS, MORE², a metro-wide, inter-faith organization comprised of 23 congregations, is celebrating its 10th anniversary on September 19, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, MORE² consistently encourages participation in the democratic process from registering voters to holding elected officials accountable for racially and economically equitable decisions; and,

WHEREAS, MORE² formed the Jericho Table that led to the passage of Kansas City’s Workforce Ordinance, bringing down barriers in City-funded construction projects to women and people of color; and,

WHEREAS, MORE² presented testimony and public support for the Jackson County women- and minority-owned business enterprise ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, MORE² lead the passage by the City of Kansas City, Missouri of the “Ban the Box” measure that removed questions about criminal history from the City’s employment

application; and,

WHEREAS, MORE²'s efforts have included modifying the Kansas City liquor license ordinance, lifting the food stamp ban for some individuals with felony convictions in Missouri, and serving as a strong voice in addressing public safety issues through the passage of policies that level the playing field for people with criminal histories; and,

WHEREAS, MORE² has demonstrated leadership throughout the region on issues from health, criminal justice, public safety, economic development, transportation, education, immigration, workforce development, and civic involvement that have had an extraordinary impact on racial and economic concerns in our area; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates MORE² on the occasion of its 10th anniversary and extends best wishes for the organization in all of its future endeavors.

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. 18603 of September 15, 2014, was duly passed on September 15, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

9-15-14
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature