

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring Joe Arce, a journalist and community leader.

RESOLUTION NO. 22064, October 6, 2025

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Joe Arce has devoted his career to journalism, community service, and the empowerment of Latino voices in Kansas City and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, he has served on the boards of numerous influential organizations, including the Guadalupe Centers and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, helping shape policies and programs that strengthen the Latino community; and,

WHEREAS, Joe founded the Hispanic Media Association, which provides scholarships to Latino students pursuing careers in journalism, ensuring that the future of media includes diverse perspectives and storytellers; and,

WHEREAS, during his 15 years as chair of the Cesar E. Chavez Committee at the University of Central Missouri, he was instrumental in raising over \$200,000.00 in scholarships to attract and support Latino students, leaving a lasting legacy of educational opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, Joe's work reflects a lifetime of advocacy, mentorship, and dedication to building stronger, more inclusive communities through media and education; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate Joe Arce for his decades of leadership, his tireless work to uplift Latino students and journalists, and his invaluable contributions to Kansas City's civic and cultural life; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature does hereby honor Joe Arce, a journalist and community leader.

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 (Oct 2, 2025 12:21:18 CDT)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22064 of October 6, 2025, was duly passed on October 20, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Excused 1

10. 20. 2025

Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature