

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Anita Dixon-Brown and Dr. Jacob Wagner for preserving Black history, while enriching students in global culture and economic development strategies, with their work to make Kansas City a member of the Creative Cities Network of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization and celebrating the history of Black American Music.

RESOLUTION NO. 21548, February 19, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Sean E. Smith, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Creative City Kansas City, Inc. is a nonprofit organization created to secure membership within the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Creative Cities Network (UCCN) for Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, Kansas City, Missouri successfully joined the UCCN in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Kansas City is the only UNESCO designated Creative City of Music in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Anita Dixon-Brown, Creative City Kansas City Inc. Executive Director and local historian, and Dr. Jacob Wagner, Associate Professor of Urban Planning + Design, worked to connect preservation efforts at the 18th & Vine district with the UNESCO platform; and,

WHEREAS, UNESCO has provided apprenticeship programs under the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for the first time in American history with the American Music Apprenticeship Program (AMAP); and,

WHEREAS, the AMAP is the first DOL recognized youth music apprenticeship program to focus on American Indigenous music over the course of 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Swing Era and historic Jazz music culture is forever preserved in the 18th & Vine District; and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown that music therapy and cultural arts education can improve mental health as well as improve skills within core subjects of education; and,

WHEREAS, the global creative industries generate 29.5 million jobs that employ 1% of the world's population creating more jobs than the automotive industry in the U.S., Europe, and Japan combined; and,

WHEREAS, the global creative industries market grew from \$441.02 billion in 2022 to \$579.52 billion, during which the United States remained in the top of those markets, reaching \$30.2 billion; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby supports the growth of UNESCO Creative City of Music in Kansas City, Missouri and the focal point, Creative City KC, Inc. as it recognizes the financial impact these programs could bring to our city as a global economic development strategy.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (Feb 15, 2024 10:58 CST)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21548 of February 19, 2024, was duly passed on February 19, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

2.19.2024
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature