

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Frey, Austin, and Hoard families on the occasion of their 18th Biennial Family Reunion, to be held June 21 – 23, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 18198, June 17, 2013

INTRODUCED BY Scott Burnett, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Frey, Austin, and Hoard families will be celebrating their 18th Biennial Family Reunion on June 21 – 23, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the theme for this celebration is “Remember the Past, Celebrate the Future”; and,

WHEREAS, the Frey, Austin, and Hoard families trace their roots to Frank Pebley and Fanny Austin, two slaves living in Clay County, Missouri in the early 1800's; and,

WHEREAS, the Hoard family and the Austin family were joined in the late 1800's when John Henry Hoard married a granddaughter of Frank and Fanny Austin; and,

WHEREAS, in 1900 the Austin, Hoard, and Frey families were united when Pearl Sylvester Hoard married D.J. Frey; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Frey traced her lineage to both the Austin and Hoard families by birth

and to the Frey family by marriage, and it was her efforts that began the family tradition of the biennial reunion; and,

WHEREAS, the Frey, Austin, and Hoard family histories have been documented in an article titled, "Teaming Oral History with Documentary Research: The Enslaved Austins of Missouri's Little Dixie," featured in the June 2002 *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*; and,

WHEREAS, since its beginning the families have united for reunions in Kansas, Colorado, California, Missouri, Georgia, Mississippi, and Ontario, Canada; and,

WHEREAS, this special occasion will reunite the families, introduce their children to their unique heritage and history, and renew the ties that bind them together; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates the Frey, Austin, and Hoard families on the occasion of their 18th Biennial Family Reunion and extends sincere best wishes for a successful event.

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.18198 of June 17, 2013, was duly passed on June 17, 2013 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 6

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 3

6/17/13
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature