

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing Company of Champions on its twenty-one years of service as a support and resource organization for those with disabilities and their families.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20371**, February 10, 2020

**INTRODUCED BY** Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Company of Champions was founded by Diane Mack of Blue Springs, Missouri, to assist special needs individuals, their families, and caregivers; and,

WHEREAS, Company of Champions recently celebrated the grand opening of its new location at 1523 SW Missouri 7, Blue Springs, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, since 1998, Company of Champions has grown as more families seek assistance in caring for family members with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, during 2018, Company of Champions served over 9,000 individuals with disabilities and their families; and,

WHEREAS, due to the growth in demand for services, Company of Champions has expanded with multiple supports, including activities such as Bingo Night, Petunia's Baskets, Kelsey's Retreats, and the Breakfast Connection, as well as providing sources for respite care and special needs' legal assistance; and,

WHEREAS, Diane founded Company of Champions, previously called Putting Families First, after her own experiences with her daughter with multiple disabilities brought her face-to-face with the many challenges encountered trying to navigate the foreign world of disability assistance programs; and,

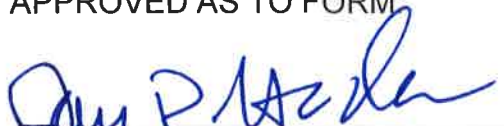
WHEREAS, many of the family members served by Company of Champions have developmental disabilities such as autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and traumatic brain injury, as well as physical disabilities; and,

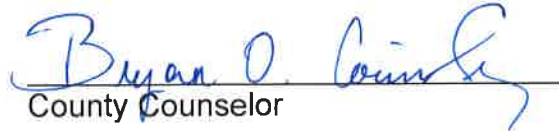
WHEREAS, Company of Champions has made a difference in the lives of numerous families in our area with its support for our residents who have encountered these challenges; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes Company of Champions for its twenty-one years of service to the Jackson County community.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 20371 of February 10, 2020, was duly passed on February 10, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

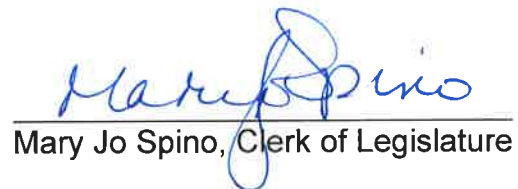
Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

2-10-2020  
Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature