

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Gwendolyn Grant, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Kansas City, on her receipt of the 2022 Women of Power Award from the National Urban League.

RESOLUTION NO. 21030, August 22, 2022

INTRODUCED BY Ronald E. Finley and Jalen Anderson, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Grant, the first woman named President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Kansas City, received the 2022 Women of Power Award presented by the National Urban League during a luncheon at the National Urban League Conference held July 20 – 23, 2022, in Washington, DC; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant, on August 6, 2022, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater St. Louis Urban League; and,

WHEREAS, other recipients of the Women of Power Award include Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, Inaugural Poet Amanda Gorman, MSNBC contributor Brittany Packnett Cunningham, CNN correspondent Abby Phillip, Associate Attorney General Kristen Clarke, and actress Kim Fields; and,

WHEREAS, the National Urban League is a historic civil rights organization dedicated to economic empowerment, equality, and social justice with the mission to help African Americans and others in underserved communities achieve their highest true social parity, economic self-reliance, power, and civil rights; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant is devoted to the causes of social justice and civil rights in the Kansas City area, using her limitless advocacy to bring issues impacting African Americans and women to the forefront in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant is the founder and convener of the COVID-19 Collective Impact Collaborative and the Police Accountability Task Force, serves as Chair of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education and Workforce Development, President of the Kansas City Public Schools Building Corporation Board, and is a member of the Citizens to Abolish Poverty Education, the Black/Brown Coalition, and the Urban Council, among many other organizations; and,


WHEREAS, Ms. Grant is the Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the Urban League's *State of Black Kansas City*, a bi-annual report on African American progress in economics, education, health, social justice, and civic engagement; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant is known widely throughout Jackson County as a strong supporter and mentor to local activists, helping develop local and national leaders; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Gwendolyn Grant on her receipt of the 2022 Women of Power Award and for her impressive contributions to equality and social justice causes within our community.

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. 21030 of August 22, 2022, was duly passed on August 22, 2022 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

8/22/22
Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature