

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring KC's Black Suffragists and Jazz Artists on the occasion of its event to be held August 27, 2023, at The Blue Room in the 18th & Vine Historic District.

RESOLUTION NO. 21378, August 21, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Donna Peyton, Venessa Huskey, DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1919 gave women the right to vote, after years of struggle, including work by Black suffragists that is rarely recognized; and,

WHEREAS, *Making History: KC's Black Suffragists and Jazz Artists* program is a tribute to the dedication and impactful contributions of Black suffragists and jazz artists in shaping the cultural fabric of our society; and,

WHEREAS, this event, which will give full recognition to these Black women suffragists, will be held in the historic 18th & Vine District's Blue Room, located at 1600 East 18th Street, Kansas City, Missouri on August 27, 2023, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, this show is proudly sponsored by the Black Archives of Mid America, the KC Black Women Suffragist Committee, and the Women's Equality Coalition, organizations that have tirelessly worked toward highlighting and preserving the historical narratives of Black suffragists and artists; and,

WHEREAS, the event's program promises to be a remarkable experience, showcasing the talents of featured vocalists Millie Edwards, Lisa Henry, and Pam Watson, alongside the performances of the Kansas City Girl's Choir under the guidance of Accompanist Pam Watson and Choir Director Mia Ramsay; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Carmaletta Williams and Lisa White Hardwick are slated to present the rich and inspiring history of Black suffragists, further deepening the understanding of the struggles, protests, agitation, jail time, forced feeding, and triumphs that emerged from this period; and,

WHEREAS, this gathering is an opportunity to come together, reflect upon our shared history, and express our collective gratitude for the achievements of Black suffragists and jazz artists who have paved the way for future generations, and examine issues the community continues to fight for—equitable wages, the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault, and access to reproductive service; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby proclaims its wholehearted support for the *Making History: KC's Black Suffragists and Jazz Artists* event and encourages all citizens to honor the legacy of those who have tirelessly strived for equality, justice, and cultural enrichment.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan D. Worsky

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21378 of August 21, 2023, was duly passed on August 21, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

8.21.2023
Date

Mary Jo Spino

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature