

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

**A RESOLUTION** commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Wilderness Act.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18499**, May 5, 2014

**INTRODUCED BY** Scott Burnett, County Legislator

WHEREAS, on September 3, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Federal Wilderness Act into law, creating America's National Wilderness Preservation System that designated certain lands to remain preserved as wilderness for the use and enjoyment of all citizens; and,

WHEREAS, wilderness areas provide immense value to our nation, our state, and our community, as natural habitats for diverse species of wildlife, destinations for family camping trips, venues for hiking, hunting, and fishing, and as protectors of wild rivers and their watersheds; and,

WHEREAS, in Missouri there are eight federally designated wilderness areas, Bell Mountain, Devil's Backbone, Hercules Glades, Piney Creed, Rockpile Mountain, Paddy Creek, Irish Wilderness, and Mingo Wilderness; and,


WHEREAS, on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, our community is called to reflect on the profound influence of the great outdoors on our lives and our national character and to recommit to preserving the wilderness for generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, in remembrance of passage of the Wilderness Act, the Sierra Club and the Missouri Department of Conservation are hosting an exhibit titled, "50 Years of Wilderness through the Lens of Missouri's Eight Wilderness Areas" to be viewed at the Gorman Discovery Conservation Discovery Center, located at 4750 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, from May 6, 2014, through the end of June; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Wilderness Act, creating the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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. 18499 of May 5, 2014, was duly passed on May 5, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature