

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

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing the month of June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21301**, June 5, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY** Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the demonstrators who protested on June 28, 1969, following an unjust law enforcement raid at the Stonewall Inn, an LGBTQ+ club in New York City, are pioneers of the LGBTQ+ movement for equality; and,

WHEREAS, the first Pride march in New York City was held on June 28, 1970, on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising; and,

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community continues to face challenges, intense discrimination, and the denial of basic human rights in various aspects of life, including employment, housing, healthcare, and education; and,

WHEREAS, state legislatures across the country have introduced and passed harmful legislation directly targeting LGBTQ+ youth, particularly transgender youth, and their ability to participate in athletic activities and obtain access to lifesaving healthcare; and,

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ+ community have been targeted in acts of mass violence; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Jackson County formally recognize and support Pride Month as an opportunity to celebrate and affirm the LGBTQ+ community and advocate for equal rights and protections; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature acknowledges that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights; and;

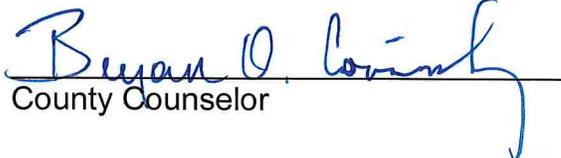
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the downtown courthouse be lit with the colors of Daniel Quasar's Progress Pride Flag, which has a greater emphasis on inclusion and progression, from June 9, 2023 through June 12, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Jackson County.

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. 21301 of June 5, 2023, was duly passed on June 5, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

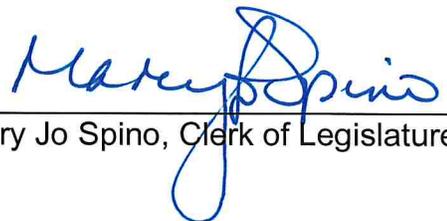
Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

6.5.2023  
Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature