

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Unity Day.

RESOLUTION NO. 22290, June 1, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV and Donna Peyton, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Unity Day is a powerful and uplifting event honoring families who have worked tirelessly toward successful reunification after their children were placed in foster care; and,

WHEREAS, Unity Day is more than a celebration, it is a testament to resilience, healing, restoration, and the strength of families and community support; and,

WHEREAS, this special gathering will recognize parents, children, family, caregivers, advocates, and community partners who have walked the challenging journey toward reunification and emerged stronger together; and,

WHEREAS, celebrating parents who have navigated court-mandated programs to overcome challenges like substance abuse, homelessness, or severe financial hardships; and,

WHEREAS, providing a festive atmosphere with food (like hot dogs and treats), activities (like balloon animals and face painting), and connections to community resources (like library services); and,

WHEREAS, demonstrating that the family court system is designed to help keep families safely together rather than tear them apart, while offering hope to other parents currently in the court system; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature recognizes Unity Day Event Celebration.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Corino
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22290 of June 1, 2026, was duly passed on June 1, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7 Nays 0

Abstaining 0 Excused 1 Absent 1

6.2.2026
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the Legislature