

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION to honor the 25th Anniversary of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research.

RESOLUTION NO. 22339, July 13, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, in November 2000, the Stowers Institute opened its doors and bestowed upon us an ambitious and selfless mission to understand how life works at its most foundational level for the betterment of humanity; and,

WHEREAS, in 1994, Jim and Virginia Stowers founded the Stowers Institute, sparked by their own personal cancer experience; and,

WHEREAS, the Institute purchased the former Menorah Medical Center with plans to turn it into a research campus building; and,

WHEREAS, the Stowers completed a 10-acre research campus set with a grand opening in 2000; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Institute formed a clinical-stage biotechnology company, BioMed Valley Discoveries, which focused on developing laboratory discoveries to address unmet patient needs across a wide spectrum of diseases; and,

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Graduate School was established to prepare a superb cadre of pre-doctoral researchers from around the world for the pursuit of innovative and creative investigations in the biological sciences; and,

WHEREAS, the Stowers Summer Scholars Program, an intensive internship for undergraduates interested in a research career, launched in 2011 with generous funding from the Stowers Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Stowers Institute surpassed 2,000 publications, a milestone reflecting the breadth and impact of its scientific output across all types of research papers, including those published as an affiliated institution; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature honors the 25th Anniversary of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22339 of July 13, 2026, was duly passed on _____, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____ Nays _____

Abstaining _____ Absent _____

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature