

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

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing Westside Housing Organization, Inc., on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary celebration.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21370**, August 14, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY** Manuel Abarca IV, DaRon McGee, Venessa Huskey, Donna Peyton, Charlie Franklin, Jalen Anderson and Megan L. Marshall, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Westside Housing Organization, Inc., a private, not-for-profit corporation with the mission to build community at the intersection of housing, health, energy, and equity, was founded in 1973 by passionate neighborhood residents who wanted the City of Kansas City, Missouri to improve the physical conditions of their neighborhood and save houses from destruction by highway construction; and,

WHEREAS, driven by this collective vision, Westside Housing Organization emerged as a beacon of hope and resilience, and has since remained unwavering in its commitment to community development; and,

WHEREAS, Westside Housing Organization, Inc. has evolved into one of the most esteemed community development corporations (CDC) within Kansas City, Missouri, reflecting a legacy of more than four decades of collaboration and transformative impact; and,

WHEREAS, deeply rooted in the Westside neighborhood, Westside Housing Organization has exemplified a steadfast dedication to serving diverse Kansas City metropolitan area neighborhoods, embracing the unique essence of each community while forging bonds of unity and support; and,

WHEREAS, Westside Housing Organization's advocacy for safe and healthy homes is evident through its home repair grants and construction services, safeguarding families and seniors from financial crises while fortifying the foundations of their well-being; and,

WHEREAS, the community building and engagement initiatives spearheaded by Westside Housing Organization have empowered neighbors to champion investments and enhancements in their communities, nurturing a sense of belonging and shared purpose that reverberates throughout the entire Kansas City metro area; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature proudly commemorates the Fiftieth Anniversary of Westside Housing Organization, Inc., and extends its gratitude to the dedicated board of directors, visionary leadership, committed staff, and the countless individuals who have rallied together to shape a legacy of hope, progress, and lasting positive change.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Bryan O. Wernsberg*

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21370 of August 14, 2023, was duly passed on August 14, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

8.14.2023  
Date

*Mary Jo Spino*  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature