

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

**A RESOLUTION** celebrating the contributions of Hispanic small businesses to Jackson County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21414**, October 2, 2023

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

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community has made significant and lasting contributions to the success and growth of small businesses across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Hispanic entrepreneurs have demonstrated exceptional dedication, creativity, and resilience in the face of challenges, driving innovation and job creation in various sectors of the economy; and,

WHEREAS, Hispanic-owned small businesses have played a crucial role in revitalizing neighborhoods, supporting local development, and fostering cultural exchanges, thereby enhancing social cohesion and understanding among diverse populations; and,

WHEREAS, nearly one in four new businesses is Hispanic-owned, with nearly five million Hispanic-owned businesses contributing over \$800 billion to the American economy annually; and,

WHEREAS, there are over 375,000 Hispanic-owned, employer businesses dispersed across all 50 states and the District of Columbia, which collectively employ at least one employee other than the owner; and,

WHEREAS, Hispanic-owned employer businesses employ approximately one million workers, with an annual payroll exceeding \$100 billion, demonstrating an impressive growth rate of 14% between 2012 and 2017 — more than twice as fast as the national average; and,

WHEREAS, in the decade preceding the pandemic, there was an increase of 34% in the number of Hispanic business owners, a stark comparison to the mere 1% increase among non-Hispanic business owners; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby recognizes the significant contributions of Hispanic small businesses to the economic prosperity, cultural richness, and social fabric of our community and our nation.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Bryan O. Boush*

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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21414 of October 2, 2023, was duly passed on October 2, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

10.2.2023  
Date

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