

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Women's Equality Day and the advancements in women's equality issues since the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution on August 26, 1920, giving women the right to vote.

RESOLUTION #17956, August 20, 2012

INTRODUCED BY Theresa Garza Ruiz and Crytsal Williams, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution officially gave women nationwide the right to vote in 1920; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the 1980's local county and city governments adopted the national movement of instituting Commissions on the Status of Women to monitor issues related to the equality of women in our communities; and,

WHEREAS, elected officials in area counties in Kansas and Missouri, including Cass, Jackson, Clay, Platte and Ray Counties, and the mayors of Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas, appointed women to represent their jurisdictions on the Bi-state Metropolitan Regional Commission on the Status of Women; and,

WHEREAS, the commission members set out to examine the status of women in the home and in the workplace in the metropolitan bi-state area; and,

WHEREAS, the commission has found significant accomplishments by women in the areas of the right to vote, education, access to family and medical leave, protection from discrimination in the workplace, credit, sports, and access to health care; and,

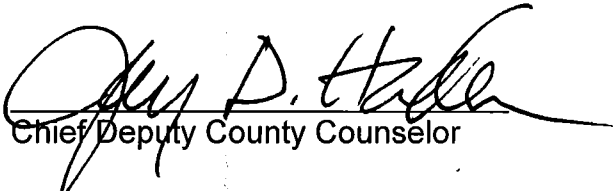
WHEREAS, despite these gains, women still have not achieved pay equity, access to affordable child care, the right to make reproductive choices, access to obstacle-free voting, and equal representation in elective and appointive offices; and,

WHEREAS, today women join together with our elected officials in recognizing the many gains that have been achieved and commit to working together to reduce the remaining barriers to women's equality; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes Women's Equality Day and commits to working together to attain equality for all women.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17956 of August 20, 2012 was duly passed on August 20, 2012 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

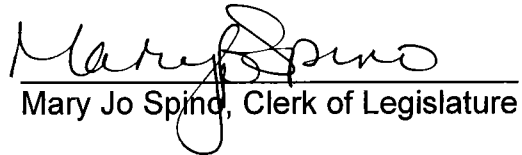
Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

8/20/12
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature