

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

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing the KC Repertory Theatre on the occasion of its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21587**, March 18, 2024

**INTRODUCED BY** Venessa Huskey and Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislators

WHEREAS, for six decades, the KC Repertory Theatre has been a ground-breaking beacon of artistry enriching the cultural landscape of Kansas City and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, founded in 1964 by Dr. Patricia A. McIlrath, the KC Repertory Theatre's mission is to inspire, entertain, and open minds by creating transformative theatre experiences for all; and,

WHEREAS, under the leadership of dedicated individuals such as George Keathley, Peter Altman, Eric Rosen, Angela Lee Gieras, and Stuart Carden, the KC Repertory Theatre has continued to evolve, innovate, and captivate audiences with its exceptional productions; and,

WHEREAS, the KC Repertory Theatre has been a catalyst for artistic excellence, nurturing local talent and fostering collaborations that transcend boundaries and enrich the cultural fabric of our city; and,

WHEREAS, the KC Repertory Theatre's commitment to empathy, inclusion, openness, collaboration, and innovation has created a welcoming environment where diverse voices are celebrated and cherished; and,

WHEREAS, as we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we recognize the dedication and passion of all those who have contributed to the success of the KC Repertory Theatre, including its talented artists, devoted staff, generous donors, and enthusiastic audiences; and,

WHEREAS, the KC Repertory Theatre's mission to inspire, entertain, and open minds by creating transformative theatre experiences for all aligns perfectly with our shared vision of a culturally vibrant, equitable, and thriving Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, the KC Repertory Theatre will celebrate Gala 60, its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on Friday, April 5, 2024, at the Loews Kansas City Hotel; and,

WHEREAS, the Gala 60 event is sponsored by Burns and McDonnell, Matt & Jessica Ralston, the McDonnell Foundation, Inc., the Theater League, Linda and Topper Johntz, Pete B. Browne and Julie Walker-Browne, the DeBruce Foundation, Paul and Linda DeBruce, Kissick Construction, Hallmark, H&R Block, Irv and Ellen Hockaday, Kauffman Family Foundation, and UMB Bank, as well as numerous other supporters; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby extends its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the KC Repertory Theatre on its 60th Anniversary celebration.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky  
Bryan Covinsky (Mar 13, 2024 16:29 CDT)  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21587 of March 18, 2024, was duly passed on March 18, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Excused 1

3.18.2024  
Date

Mary Jo Spino  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature