

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

**A RESOLUTION** honoring folklorico dancers, artists, and musicians in the Kansas City area during Hispanic Heritage Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21757**, October 7, 2024

**INTRODUCED BY** Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the countless contributions of the Latino community to the cultural, artistic, and civic life of the United States, and to honor the traditions that continue to inspire and unite people of all backgrounds; and,

WHEREAS, folklorico dancers, artists, and musicians in the Kansas City area play an essential role in preserving and promoting the vibrant traditions of Mexico and Latin American, passing down these cultural treasures from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, folklorico dance, with its colorful costumes and intricate footwork, embeds the stories, struggles, and joys of Latino communities, while artists and musicians celebrate and reflect these same stories through painting, sculpture, music, and performance; and,

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Mattie Rhodes Center, Guadalupe Centers, and the Latino Arts Foundation have been at the forefront of championing Latino arts and culture, offering spots for creative expression, education, and cultural preservation for both youth and adults across Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, they have made significant impacts by supporting emerging Latino artists, writers, and musicians through mentorship, scholarships, and creative opportunities, empowering them to share their unique voices and stories; and,

WHEREAS, these artists and organizations not only preserve cultural heritage but also enhance the social, educational, and artistic vitality of our community, reminding us of the importance of diversity and inclusion in all aspects of public life; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County honors and celebrates the extraordinary folklorico dancers, artists, and musicians of the Kansas City area during Hispanic Heritage Month for their tireless dedication to preserving and sharing the beauty of Latino culture; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that special recognition is given to the community organizations that continue to serve as cultural stewards, enriching the lives of Kansas City's Latino community and beyond.

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 (Oct 3, 2024 11:26 CDT)  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21757 of October 7, 2024, was duly passed on October 7, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

10.7.2024  
Date

Mary Jo Spino  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature