

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION supporting efforts in Jackson County and the state of Missouri to create awareness of and bring an end to human trafficking.

RESOLUTION NO. 20476, August 17, 2020

INTRODUCED BY Jeanie Lauer, Theresa Cass Galvin, and Jalen Anderson, County Legislators

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or service, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of forced labor or sexual servitude; and,

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a \$32 billion annual global criminal enterprise and is a crime as well as a civil and human rights violation; and,

WHEREAS, the United States is a major destination country for international trafficking victims, as approximately fourteen to seventeen hundred victims are trafficked into this country each year, not including domestically trafficked children and adults; and,

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a crime that impacts Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, Missouri ranks sixteenth in the country in human trafficking with truck stops and illicit massage parlors, creating hubs for such illegal activity; and,

WHEREAS, disenfranchised adolescents are particularly vulnerable to human traffickers, who will prey upon vulnerable youth, frequently through internet chat channels, to recruit them into domestic servitude and sexual exploitation; and,

WHEREAS, more awareness and education are crucial to eradicating human trafficking in our community; and,

WHEREAS, stricter Missouri laws are needed to aid in the prosecution of trafficking-related crimes, such as money laundering, prostitution, kidnapping, child pornography, and fraud; and,

WHEREAS, the County Legislature of Jackson County has a strong commitment to social justice and supports efforts to end human trafficking in our community; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby support efforts and actions to create awareness of and bring an end to human trafficking in Jackson County and nationwide.

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 No. 20476 of August 17, 2020, was duly passed on August 24, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

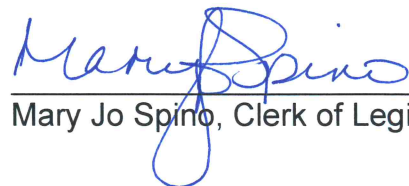
Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

8/24/2020
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature