



Jackson County, Missouri

Request for Legislative Action

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: 05/13/2024 **SPONSOR:** Manuel Abarca IV

To be completed by the County Counselor's Office:

NUMBER: 21626 **ASSIGNED MEETING DATE:** 05/20/2024

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DEPARTMENT: County Legislature

TITLE: A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act in Jackson County.

SUMMARY:

WHEREAS, by Resolution 20841, dated December 13, 2021, the Legislature awarded an elevenmonth contract with two twelve-month options to extend Fred Dreiling, LLC, of Kansas City (Jackson County) MO, to serve as the Legislature's Chief Lobbyist; and,
WHEREAS, in this capacity, the Chief Lobbyist's responsibilities include assessing the current political climate in the State of Missouri, recommending appropriate strategies that would benefit the County, informing the Legislature on all pertinent legislative issues, and providing lobbying service as requested; and,
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to support the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act (MONA),first introduced by Steve McLuckie in 1998; and,
WHEREAS, MONA would add sexual orientation and gender identity to Missouri's Human Rights Act,which currently prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations for other protected categories, including race, sex, and national origin; and,
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature for the County to support MONA; now therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of MONA.

Previous Resolution - 21554

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NO
YES

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail
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ACTION NEEDED: COURTESY (NO LEGAL IMPACT)

ATTACHMENT(S):