



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Request for Legislative Action

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**REQUESTED MEETING DATE:** 9/15/2025

**Resolution No.:** 22033

**SPONSORS:**

**Sponsor:** Manuel Abarca IV

**Date:** September 11, 2025

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**TITLE: A Resolution Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and Authorizing the Illumination of the Jackson County Courthouse in the Colors of the Hispanic Heritage Flag**

**SUMMARY:** From September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, Jackson County Legislators join the nation in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to honor the rich histories, vibrant cultures, unique perspectives, and innumerable contributions of Latinos and Hispanos throughout the United States, particularly in Kansas City, MO; the Kansas City Latino community has long been a cornerstone of Kansas City's identity, with roots dating back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, when waves of Mexican immigrants arrived to work in the railroad industries, agriculture, packinghouses, and helping build the infrastructure of our amazing city; these early Latino pioneers not only laid physical foundations but also created legacies of resilience, hard work, and strong family values that continues to flourish in neighborhoods such as the Westside and Northeast, which have become cultural havens for generations of Latino families. In more recent decades, Kansas City has welcomed a new wave of Latino immigrants from Central American countries, including El Salvador, Guatemala, and

Honduras, who have enriched the city with their traditions, cultures, perspective and contributions to the workforce, further strengthening the vibrant diversity of Kansas City's Latino community; the Latino community has enriched Kansas City through the arts, entrepreneurship, labor, and civic engagement. Whether it's the murals in Kansas City depicting the stories of struggle and triumph on Southwest Boulevard, to the countless local businesses and non-profits throughout Jackson County contributing as lifelines for our neighborhoods, the Latino community has served Jackson County to the fullest; Kansas City's Latino History is inseparable from the broader civil rights movements, with leaders emerge to advocate for favor housing, equal employment, and educational opportunities, ensuring that the voice of the Latino community is heard and honored in the halls of justice; In these trying times, when communities across the nation face growing economic, social, and political challenges, it is more important than ever to recognize the resilience and contributions of our Latino community. Their perseverance in the face of adversity continues to inspire hope, strengthen families, and build bridges across cultures. By honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, Jackson County reaffirms its commitment to uplifting diverse voices, preserving cultural traditions, and ensuring that future generations inherit a community rooted in equity, opportunity, and unity. **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the members of this legislative body recognize Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th to honor the Latino community's immense contributions to Kansas City, both past and present. In observance of this month, the Jackson County Legislature will illuminate the courthouse in the vibrant colors of the Hispanic Heritage flag, serving as a symbol of solidarity, pride, and celebration. This illumination reflects our ongoing commitment to honoring the heritage, culture, and unity of the Latino and Hispanic communities of Kansas City. Be it Further Resolved that this resolution serves as a tribute to the strength, resilience, and vision of Latinos in Kansas City, and as a reminder of the community's essential role in the shaping of our nation and our community. We further recognize National Hispanic Heritage Month, established to honor the histories and contributions of Latinos across the United States, with the chosen dates, September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, being particularly significant. This period encompasses the anniversaries of the independence for several Latin American countries symbolizing a time of reflection, celebration of freedom, culture, and unity across Jackson County and the United States.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:****NO** ☒

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

**YES** ☐**ACTION NEEDED:** COURTESY (NO LEGAL IMPACT)**ATTACHMENTS:**

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