



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Request for Legislative Action

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**REQUESTED MEETING DATE:** Select Date

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**DEPARTMENT:** Legislature, First District At-Large

**TITLE:** Click or tap here to enter text. A RESOLUTION expressing the encouragement of Jackson County to fully establish a functioning Jackson County LGBTQ+ Commission and recognizing the completion of a proposed framework for its creation.

**SUMMARY:** Click or tap here to enter text. RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION expressing the encouragement of Jackson County to fully establish a functioning Jackson County LGBTQ+ Commission and recognizing the completion of a proposed framework for its creation.

WHEREAS, Jackson County is home to a diverse and vibrant lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other LGBTQ+ residents whose contributions strengthen the civic, cultural, economic, and social fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ residents continue to face unique challenges related to housing, healthcare access, public safety, employment, education, and discrimination, making dedicated community engagement and policy review essential to ensuring equitable outcomes for all residents; and WHEREAS, in 2024, Jackson County announced the intention to establish a Jackson County LGBTQ+ Commission to serve as an advisory body focused on issues affecting LGBTQ+ residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed commission has yet to be established; and

WHEREAS, the office of Legislator Jalen Anderson has prepared a comprehensive framework for the establishment of a Jackson County LGBTQ+ Commission, attached hereto, outlining membership, appointment procedures, duties, reporting requirements, and administrative structure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed framework provides for a nine-member commission reflective of the geographic diversity of Jackson County, including district representation and at-large appointments, and is prepared for legislative consideration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed framework has been provided for review and consideration, demonstrating that the County possesses the necessary foundation to move from concept to implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the creation of a Jackson County LGBTQ+ Commission is both timely and necessary to ensure meaningful engagement with LGBTQ+ residents and stakeholders throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that the County's commitment to inclusion is best demonstrated through action rather than aspiration; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that continued delay in establishing the Commission serves neither the interests of Jackson County nor the LGBTQ+ residents it is intended to represent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby expresses its support for and intent to establish a Jackson County LGBTQ+ Commission; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the work already completed to develop a framework for the Commission and acknowledges that a proposed structure is available for consideration and implementation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the prompt advancement of legislation or action by the County Executive necessary to formally establish the Jackson County LGBTQ+ Commission and to ensure that the proposal is brought to fruition without unnecessary delay; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jackson County Legislature reaffirms its commitment to fostering an inclusive County government that listens to, engages with, and serves ALL residents.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**NO**

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

**YES**

**ACTION NEEDED:** COURTESY (NO LEGAL IMPACT)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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