



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Request for Legislative Action

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**REQUESTED MEETING DATE:** 2/23/2026

**Resolution No:** 22185

**Sponsor:** Donna Peyton

**Date:** March 2, 2026

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**DEPARTMENT:** Legislative

**TITLE:** Honoring Ms. Gwendolyn Grant During Women's Month

**SUMMARY:** **Resolution Honoring Gwendolyn Grant**    **WHEREAS**, Gwendolyn Grant serves as President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Kansas City, becoming the first woman to lead the organization in its more than 100-year history; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Grant is a nationally respected civic leader whose commitment to civil rights, social justice, public safety, and equitable opportunity has strengthened the Urban League's role as a leading regional voice on workforce development, education equity, health disparities, and policing reform; and **WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, she mobilized public, private, and philanthropic partners to meet urgent community needs, expanding food access, digital connectivity, and support for Black-owned businesses; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Grant led the Urban League Police Accountability Task Force, exposing harmful policing practices within the Kansas City Police Department and prompting a formal request for a U.S. Department of Justice "patterns and practices" investigation; and **WHEREAS**, in

2022 she filed a landmark lawsuit challenging Missouri’s mandate that Kansas City fund a state-controlled police department, elevating national attention to the city’s lack of local control; and **WHEREAS**, her leadership was further affirmed when the Urban League received a \$1 million unrestricted gift from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, enabling expanded services and organizational stability; and **WHEREAS**, Ms. Grant continues to shape public safety and civic reform through her service with the Urban Summit, SAVE-KC, the Urban Council, and national Urban League advisory bodies; and **WHEREAS**, she is also a respected columnist for *The Call* and Publisher of the Urban League’s *State of Black Kansas City* report, contributing vital analysis on issues affecting Black communities; and **WHEREAS**, her distinguished service has earned numerous honors, including the National Urban League’s Whitney M. Young Leadership Award, the Woman of Power Award, the Movement Champion Award, the Rosa Parks Award, and recognition among *435 Magazine’s* “50 Most Powerful People in Kansas City”; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we honor and commend Gwendolyn Grant for her extraordinary leadership, unwavering advocacy, and transformative impact on the Greater Kansas City region and beyond.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**NO**

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

**YES**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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