

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Pauly Hart for her dedicated service as Executive Director of Lead to Read KC.

RESOLUTION NO. 21523, February 5, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee, Sean E. Smith, and Jeanie Lauer, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Pauly Hart has dedicated the last eight years of her professional career to serving the Kansas City metropolitan area as the Executive Director of Lead to Read KC; and,

WHEREAS, Pauly has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the improvement of children's reading skills, becoming the guiding force behind Lead to Read KC; and,

WHEREAS, under Pauly's leadership, Lead to Read KC has experienced remarkable growth, nearly quadrupling the number of reading mentors in the program since her tenure began; and,

WHEREAS, Pauly has been a catalyst for transforming Kansas City's literacy landscape, empowering children to discover the joy of reading and unlocking their full potential; and,

WHEREAS, Lead to Read KC, under Pauly's leadership, has grown exponentially, expanding the number of volunteers to nearly 1,500 participants, providing individualized tutoring models, and lightening the workload of classroom teachers; and,

WHEREAS, Pauly's vision and dedication have illuminated a path for future generations of strong readers, successful students, and future leaders in Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, Pauly has extended Lead to Read KC's commitment to literacy beyond the classroom by distributing tens of thousands of diverse, high-interest books to children, ensuring access to stories that spark imagination and feed passions; and,

WHEREAS, Pauly has recognized the link between literacy and mental health, building partnerships with authors and organizations to address the mental health and wellness crisis facing the youth; and,

WHEREAS, looking ahead, Pauly plans to continue advocating for youth enrichment programs and will serve the community as the new Executive Director of the Watson Links Mentors Foundation, a new youth golf mentoring program that provides opportunities for kids to learn and love golf while benefitting from the positive life skills that come from playing the game; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes and commends Pauly Hart for her outstanding service to Lead to Read KC, her tireless efforts to improve literacy and educational outcomes for the children of Kansas City and extends best wishes in her new endeavors.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan D. Wonsky

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21523 of February 5, 2024, was duly passed on February 5, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

2.5.2024
Date

Mary Jo Spino

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature