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Request for Legislative Action

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Resolution No. 22307

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Date: June 15, 2026

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DEPARTMENT: Legislature, First District-At-Large

TITLE: A RESOLUTION recognizing June 2026 as Pride Month in Jackson County, Missouri, honoring the history, resilience, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community.

SUMMARY: Click or tap here to enter text. RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION recognizing June 2026 as Pride Month in Jackson County, Missouri, honoring the history, resilience, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community.

WHEREAS, June is recognized nationally as Pride Month, commemorating the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City, a pivotal moment in the struggle for LGBTQ+ civil rights and equal treatment under the law; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community has made significant contributions to the cultural, civic, economic, artistic, educational, and social fabric of Jackson County and the Kansas City metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City and Jackson County have a longstanding place in LGBTQ+ history, including the publication of The Phoenix: Midwest Homophile Voice in Kansas City from 1966 to 1972, one of the earliest LGBTQ+ publications in the United States and the first of its kind in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City's Pride movement traces its roots to the 1970s, with the first local Pride Festival held in 1975 and subsequent Pride celebrations helping build visibility, community, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ residents throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, what began as a single Pride celebration in Kansas City has expanded throughout Jackson County and the Kansas City metropolitan area, including the establishment of community Pride celebrations such as Independence Pride in the County seat of Independence, Missouri, as well as other events, festivals, educational programs, and celebrations that reflect the growing visibility, engagement, and contributions of LGBTQ+ residents across the region; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County recognizes that the LGBTQ+ community is diverse and intersectional, and that Black, Latino, Indigenous, Asian American, and other LGBTQ+ people of color have played a critical role in advancing equality, culture, advocacy, and community throughout Jackson County and the Kansas City region; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ residents, families, advocates, educators, healthcare providers, faith leaders, artists, public servants, and community organizations continue to strengthen Jackson County through their leadership, service, and contributions to civic life; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month serves as both a celebration of progress achieved and a reaffirmation of the ongoing commitment to dignity, equality, safety, opportunity, and respect for all residents regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes June 2026 as Pride Month in Jackson County, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature honors the generations of LGBTQ+ residents, advocates, organizations, and allies whose courage, resilience, and leadership have strengthened our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature encourages continued efforts to foster welcoming communities in which ALL residents are treated with dignity, respect, and equal opportunity.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NO

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YES

ACTION NEEDED: Choose an item.

ATTACHMENTS:

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