

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing the extraordinary efforts of Harvesters – The Community Food Network to feed hungry families and seniors in Jackson County during the COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOLUTION NO. 20437, May 26, 2020

INTRODUCED BY Ronald E. Finley, Theresa Cass Galvin, Dan Tarwater III, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, and Jeanie Lauer, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had tremendous impact on the health and well-being of Jackson County residents; and,

WHEREAS, Harvesters - The Community Food Network is feeding hungry people today and working to end hunger tomorrow; and,

WHEREAS, food insecurity in Jackson County affected more than 13 percent of Jackson County residents before COVID-19 and has only increased since then due to the rise in unemployment; and,

WHEREAS, Harvesters supplies food to a network of more than 280 pantries, kitchens, and mobile food distributions in Jackson County who report on average, an increase of forty percent in the number of people seeking food assistance during COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Harvesters has provided more than four million pounds of food to residents of Jackson County in March and April of this year, an increase of one million pounds more than was provided in the same period in 2019; and,

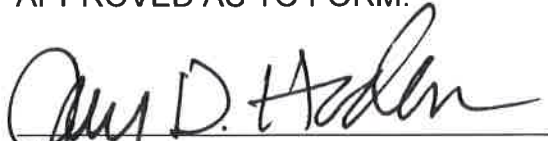
WHEREAS, Harvesters provided more than 100,000 pounds of food to more than 1,700 households, including 4,764 adults and 3,737 children, during a special COVID-19 mobile distribution at the Truman Sports Complex on May 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, this mobile distribution event was made possible with the assistance of the Kansas City Police Department, Harvesters volunteers, the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, and the Missouri Army National Guard; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby extends its gratitude to Harvesters and its network partners, the Kansas City Police Department, the Missouri Army National Guard, Jim Rowland, and the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, for their efforts to feed hungry families and seniors and rise to the challenge presented by the COVID-19 pandemic to meet an unprecedented increase in the need for food assistance.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 20437 of May 26, 2020, was duly passed on May 26, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

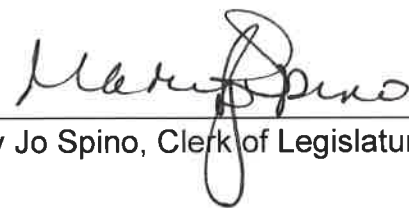
Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

5.26.2020
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature