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Request for Legislative Action

File #: 25-170, **Version:** 0

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: 5/5/2025

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To be confirmed by County Counselor's Office:

Resolution No.: 21923

Sponsor: Donna Peyton, DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson,
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Date: May 5, 2025

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DEPARTMENT: Legislature

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing Older Americans Month 2025

SUMMARY: Click or tap here to enter text. **Resolution Recognizing Older Americans Month 2025**

Declaring May 2025 as Older Americans Month in Jackson County, Missouri, and recognizing the contributions of older adults under the theme "Flip the Script on Aging."

WHEREAS, since 1963, the United States has recognized the month of May as Older Americans Month, honoring the contributions, resilience, and achievements of older citizens across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Community Living has established the theme for Older Americans

Month 2025 as “Flip the Script on Aging,” urging communities to challenge ageist stereotypes and embrace the dynamic roles of older adults in society; and

WHEREAS, older adults in Jackson County significantly enrich our civic, cultural, spiritual, and economic life, contributing wisdom, volunteer service, leadership, and historical perspective; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County affirms its commitment to initiatives and partnerships that promote the health, dignity, independence, and well-being of its aging population, including those that allow older adults to age in place; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, Jackson County voters overwhelmingly approved “Question 1,” a dedicated senior services property tax levy of five cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, projected to raise approximately \$8 million annually to fund essential programs such as Meals on Wheels, medical transportation, in-home support, and caregiver relief for residents aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the successful passage of this initiative was the result of a two-year advocacy effort led by KC Shepherd’s Center (KCSC), under the leadership of Executive Director Janet Baker, in collaboration with a coalition of over 50 community organizations committed to improving the quality of life for Jackson County’s aging population; and

WHEREAS, KC Shepherd’s Center was founded in Jackson County in 1972 to honor our elders by celebrating, empowering and serving older adults, and continue to provide invaluable services to help seniors live independent safe healthy and socially connected lives in the place they call home, advocates for public policy and funding to support ALL seniors and leads community-building efforts on behalf of older residents in Jackson County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that May 2025 is hereby proclaimed as Older Americans Month in Jackson County, with the national theme “Flip the Script on Aging.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature encourages all residents, civic groups, and institutions to recognize, support, and engage with older adults, and to participate in activities that promote inclusion, dignity, and thriving at every stage of life.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NO ☒

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

YES ☐

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ACTION NEEDED: Choose an item.

ATTACHMENTS:

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