

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing the *Jazz in the Valley* event, a free musical festival to be held on the Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley campus, September 29, 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21408**, September 25, 2023

**INTRODUCED BY** DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley is preparing to host its third annual *Jazz in the Valley* event, paying tribute to the illustrious jazz history of Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, the *Jazz in the Valley* event is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. in parking lot A of the MCC - Penn Valley campus, 3201 Southwest Trafficway, Kansas City, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, the event will include the Jim Lower Big Band, featuring Jim Lower, a Kansas City-based jazz drummer who attended MCC - Penn Valley; Clarence Smith and the Clarence and Friends Band, a Kansas City-based musician and instructor of music at MCC – Penn Valley; Stranded in the City, a five-man band led by brothers Andre Reyes, Jr., and Antonio Reyes, bringing a retro flavor of R&B, funk, country, Tex-Mex, and rock and pop with their fresh sound and soulful harmonies; and,

WHEREAS, also performing will be Millie Edwards Nottingham, a reading coordinator at MCC – Penn Valley, and a regular on the Kansas City jazz and blues circuit, known for her big voice and wide vocal range; and,

WHEREAS, this free jazz festival is an opportunity for attendees to immerse themselves in the melodies and rhythms of this quintessentially American art form; and,

WHEREAS, the *Jazz in the Valley* event is in support of the establishment of a music engineering program at MCC - Penn Valley, nurturing a new generation of musical visionaries; and,

WHEREAS, Whataburger restaurant will provide a complimentary meal to the first 100 guests, and a variety of food trucks will be available, including Hungry Alligator, Jadabay's, and Taste of Brazil; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature wholeheartedly recognizes and supports the third annual *Jazz in the Valley* event, acknowledging its profound significance in honoring Kansas City's jazz legacy, and in advancing the cause of musical education in our community.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Bryan O. Worsley*

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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21408 of September 25, 2023, was duly passed on September 25, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

9.25.2023  
Date

*Mary Jo Spino*  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature