

## IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**A RESOLUTION** expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act in Jackson County.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21626**, May 20, 2024

**INTRODUCED BY** Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, by Resolution 20841, dated December 13, 2021, the Legislature awarded an eleven-month contract with two twelve-month options to extend Fred Dreiling, LLC, of Kansas City (Jackson County) MO, to serve as the Legislature's Chief Lobbyist; and,

WHEREAS, in this capacity, the Chief Lobbyist's responsibilities include assessing the current political climate in the State of Missouri, recommending appropriate strategies that would benefit the County, informing the Legislature on all pertinent legislative issues, and providing lobbying service as requested; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to support the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act (MONA), first introduced by Steve McLuckie in 1998; and,

WHEREAS, MONA would add sexual orientation and gender identity to Missouri's Human Rights Act, which currently prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations for other protected categories, including race, sex, and national origin; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature for the County to support MONA; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of MONA.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky  
Bryan Covinsky (May 16, 2024 10:16 CDT)  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21626 of May 20, 2024, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature