

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

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing the service of the grand jurors that were empaneled to examine the Jackson County Detention Center.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19889**, June 4, 2018

**INTRODUCED BY** Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Garry J. Baker, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds, and Theresa Galvin, County Legislators

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2017, fifteen Jackson County citizens were empaneled to serve as grand jurors, tasked with examining the Jackson County Detention Center, the Regional Correctional Center, the Jail Annex, and the treatment of inmates at these facilities; and,

WHEREAS, this task was so great that when this original grand jury completed its duty, another grand jury was empaneled to continue this important work; and,

WHEREAS, these thirty individuals dedicated hundreds of hours to hearing testimony, reviewing material, visiting the facilities, and writing an extensive report on their findings; and,

WHEREAS, this effort resulted in an exhaustive chronicle on the conditions of the jail and the treatment and plight of the inmates housed there; and,

WHEREAS, these grand jurors were randomly selected from a cross section of citizens

of Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, collectively they devoted thousands of hours away from their jobs and families in pursuit of the information summarized in the grand jury report; and,

WHEREAS, these citizens are not politicians and came to their task without prior knowledge about the County jail; and,

WHEREAS, the grand jurors are parents, children, friends, and neighbors who have chosen to work, live, raise their families, and pay taxes within Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, despite the difficult job they faced in compiling information about the jail, these citizens diligently completed this mission, presenting the facts as they learned them without any hope of reward other than our thanks for a job well done; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby expresses its gratitude and recognition to this grand jury for its hard work and passionate search for the truth.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No.19889 of June 4, 2018, was duly passed on June 4, 2018 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature