

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Kansas City Public Library on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

RESOLUTION NO. 21602, April 15, 2024

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

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public Library has served as a beacon of knowledge, inspiration, and empowerment for the citizens of Kansas City for 150 years; and,

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1873, the Kansas City Public Library has remained steadfast in its commitment to inform, inspire, enrich, and empower the community it serves; and,

WHEREAS, throughout its rich history, the Kansas City Public Library has evolved its resources and services to meet the changing needs of its patrons, reflecting the advancements of technology and the dynamic landscape of information dissemination; and,

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public Library's sesquicentennial celebration, themed "150 Years of Discovery," commemorates not only its longevity but also its enduring dedication to fostering discovery, learning, and civic engagement among individuals of all backgrounds; and,

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public Library's yearlong celebration includes a diverse array of events, exhibits, and activities designed to honor its past, celebrate its present, and envision its future as a vital institution in the fabric of Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public Library's anniversary keynote featuring esteemed speakers such as Tommi Laitio and renowned author Eve Ewing, among others, exemplifies its commitment to providing enriching and thought-provoking programming to its patrons; and,

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public Library's emphasis on inclusivity and diversity, as demonstrated through exhibits featuring the works of Kansas City artists Harold Smith and Chico Sierra, Indigenous artists curated from the collection of Travois, and a recontextualization of historic art from the library's Missouri Valley Special Collections, reflects its dedication to serving as a cultural hub for all members of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public Library's iconic Central Library, celebrating its 20th anniversary, stands as a testament to the library's commitment to preserving history while embracing innovation and adaptive reuse in the heart of downtown Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public Library's new logo, symbolizing the interconnectedness of knowledge and community, embodies its role as a catalyst for curiosity, discovery, and lifelong learning for generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public Library's unwavering dedication to its core mission of empowering the community through access to information, education, and cultural enrichment remains as relevant today as it was in 1873; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Kansas City Public Library on its 150th anniversary and commends its invaluable contributions to the intellectual, cultural, and social fabric of Kansas City.

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 (Apr 10, 2024 11:02 CDT)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21602 of April 15, 2024, was duly passed on April 15, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

4.15-2024
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature