

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

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing the achievements of the Hispanic community in Jackson County by observing September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21732**, September 23, 2024

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

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and,

WHEREAS, this recognition of Hispanic heritage began under the leadership of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a month-long period, codified by Congress on August 17, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, approximately ten percent of Jackson County residents, and about twenty percent of Americans are Hispanic, the fastest growing ethnic segment of society, contributing more than \$3.2 trillion annually to our nation's economy; and,

WHEREAS, in Jackson County, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated through numerous festivals, activities, and events to commemorate the impact of Hispanic heritage on our community; and,

WHEREAS, celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month reaffirms that diversity is one of our greatest strengths and recognizes the value and impact Hispanic people have had on our community; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby declares September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and urges all residents to celebrate and honor the accomplishments and rich ancestry and traditions of the Hispanic community.

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 (Sep 19, 2024 11:17 CDT)  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21732 of September 23, 2024, was duly passed on September 23, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

9/23/24  
Date

Mary Jo Spino  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature