IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing the American Legion Missouri Boys State on the occasion of the successful completion of the 77th session of its annual Missouri Boys State conference.

RESOLUTION NO. 19212, July 18, 2016

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

WHEREAS, the American Legion Missouri Boys State is an eight-day program bringing together the best and brightest high school junior young men to experience hands-on the operation and fundamentals of government; and,

WHEREAS, the Missouri Boys State 2016 session was held at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, June 18 through June 24, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, this year's session featured keynote speakers former Missouri Governor Bob Holden, Kansas City Mayor Sly James, Jackson County Executive Frank White, Jr., Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, and Lt. General Martin Steele; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri Boys State, known as the Week to Shape a Lifetime, hosts an average of 1,000 young men using the democratic system as a basis to construct their own state; and,

WHEREAS, as a laboratory in citizenship and leadership training, Boys State

participants learn the value of public service, the strength of the individual vote and voice, and the ability of each individual to change the world; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri Boys State Director Matt Dameron, a former Boys State participant, states that although Boys State teaches about government, the young men participating will make personal connections that will last a lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, Boys State was originally developed in 1934 in Illinois by educators and members of the Illinois American Legion, which, in 1938, quickly expanded the program to Missouri; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates the American Legion Boys State of Missouri for a successful 2016 session and extends best wishes to the Boys State participants and directors.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:	n
Chief Deputy County Counselor	County Courselor
Certificate of Passage	
I hereby certify that the attached reso 2016, was duly passed on	lution, Resolution No. 19212 of July 18 , 2016 by the Jacksor s follows:
Yeas	Nays
Abstaining	Absent
	Excused 2
7-18-16 Date	Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature