IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Guadalupe Centers on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration Gala, to be held on September 21, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 20251, September 16, 2019

INTRODUCED BY, Scott Burnett and Crystal Williams, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Guadalupe Centers, the longest continuously operating organization serving Latinos in the United States, will celebrate its 100th Anniversary with its annual Blanco y Negro Gala to be held on September 21, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, noted political strategist Ana Navarro, co-host of ABC's *The View* and Republican political analyst for CNN and Telemundo, will deliver the keynote address; and,

WHEREAS, Ana Navarro is known for her sharp wit and candor, making headlines during the campaign season by taking candidates to task for their toxic rhetoric and attacks on the Latino community; and,

WHEREAS, the Gala will also feature remarks by representatives from the Mexican Embassy, live entertainment, and a silent auction; and,

WHEREAS, the Kauffman Foundation is the presenting sponsor for this event with the City of Kansas City, MO, Bukaty Co., Health Forward Foundation, and KCP&L also

serving as event sponsors; and,

WHEREAS, Guadalupe Centers provides an array of comprehensive services including a charter school system, credit union, social services, and youth development program and serves over 12,000 individuals per year; and,

WHEREAS, the Guadalupe Centers' mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals in the Latino communities of Greater Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, Cris Medina, Chief Executive Officer for the Guadalupe Centers, said that the organization is excited to have Ms. Navarro at this event, as someone who's life encompasses what it means to be a Latina American, representing hard work and values that the Latino community holds steadfastly; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby proclaims its congratulations to the Guadalupe Centers on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration and extends best wishes for a successful Gala event.

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

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Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature