

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with The Stowers Institute for Medical Research allowing the Institute to proceed with testing for a new COVID-19 based saliva test, at no cost to the County.

RESOLUTION NO. 20457, July 13, 2020

INTRODUCED BY Dan Tarwater III, County Legislator

WHEREAS, The Stowers Institute for Medical Research, a scientific research facility in Jackson County, is in the process of developing an automated version of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based test for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Institute's automated version is expected to require significantly less labor than manual versions of this test and the Institute intends to apply to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use authorization as early as Fall 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Institute will not be offering testing services to the general public and instead wishes to share the protocol for its automated method with other interested parties in Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, to share the Institute's protocol broadly, it needs to obtain immunity from liability claims provided under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) and the national emergency condition established by the

Emergency Declaration issued in late March by the Secretary of Health and Human Services; and,

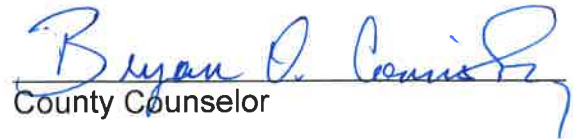
WHEREAS, the PREP Act and Emergency Declaration require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a governmental entity having jurisdiction in the field, such as Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding with The Stowers Institute for Medical Research allowing the Institute to proceed with FDA testing for a new COVID-19 based saliva test, at no cost to the County.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 20457 of July 13, 2020, was duly passed on July 20, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

7.20.2020
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature