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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing MORE² for its efforts to educate, engage, and register eligible voters with misdemeanor or felony convictions throughout Jackson County.

RESOLUTION NO. 20974, June 6, 2022

INTRODUCED BY Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislator

WHEREAS, MORE² was created in 2004 as a social justice organization representing different faith traditions, cultural backgrounds, races, and economic means, growing from twelve congregations to thirty-four congregations with many individual members; and,

WHEREAS, MORE² is active in issues surrounding criminal justice, education, healthcare, and immigration; and,

WHEREAS, MORE² has organized people with felony convictions into a group called "Our Voices" and launched a campaign called "Our Voice, Our Vote," to engage and educate eligible voters

throughout Missouri and Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, it is the goal of MORE² to register 20,000 new voters by November 2022; and,

WHEREAS, research suggests voting has been linked to a reduction in recidivism and restoring voting rights to people impacted by the criminal legal system could aid their transition back into community life, encouraging law-abiding behavior; and,

WHEREAS, restoring the right to vote to people previously incarcerated enables them to exercise their lawful civil rights and civic duty; and,

WHEREAS, voting rights for formerly incarcerated individuals eligible to vote under section 115.133.2 of the Missouri Revised Statutes are fundamental to our democracy and our County; and,

WHEREAS, in Missouri, those with felony or misdemeanor convictions are eligible to vote upon completion of their sentence and probation or parole and individuals who have been convicted of an election offense, whether a felony or misdemeanor, are not allowed to vote; and,

WHEREAS, in a 2018 Pew Research Center survey, 69% of Americans agreed with allowing people convicted of felonies to vote after serving their sentence with a majority of both Republicans and Democrats in support; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes MORE² for its efforts to educate, engage, and register eligible voters with

misdemeanor or felony convictions throughout Jackson County.

..Enacted and Approved

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. 20974 of June 6, 2022, was duly passed on June 6, 2022 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature