



# Jackson County Missouri

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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION commending the Jackson County Parks and Recreation workers responsible for the repair of Christmas In The Park displays after the senseless vandalism of October 27, 1997.  
RESOLUTION #11979, December 8, 1997

INTRODUCED BY Fred Arbanas, County Legislator

WHEREAS, in September of 1988, Jackson County Parks and Recreation employees were given the challenge to create, design, and construct a holiday wonderland that would benefit both the community and local charities; and,

WHEREAS, this drive-through event has been expanded every year and now includes over 175 displays, constructed with 245,000 lights; and,

WHEREAS, this magical, animated wonderland receives over 150,000 visitors annually; and,

WHEREAS, on October 27, 1997, the season's efforts of 2,600 man hours and nine previous years worth of tradition were destroyed by a senseless act of vandalism; and,

WHEREAS, 80% of all displays were destroyed, totalling 140 animated figures and 200,000 lights; and,

WHEREAS, knowing what Christmas In The Park means to the community, employees of Jackson County Parks and Recreation committed to an extraordinary effort of recreating and reconstructing 35 acres of family holiday tradition, meeting the scheduled opening date of November 26, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, all maintenance divisions, including Longview, Jacomo, Landahl Park, and the Equipment Repair Shop have worked multiple shifts, displaying a multitude of talent, with 3,581 hours going into its rebuilding; and,

WHEREAS, the dedicated employees of Jackson County Parks and Recreation who are to be highly commended for their extraordinary efforts are:

### LONGVIEW LAKE MAINTENANCE:

Jason Fransen	Wayne Bain	Jerry Long	Leonard Day & wife
Harold Peters	Jimmy Stewart	Robert Hartsell	Linda (helped with drawings)
Harold Davis	Michael Weddle	Robert Druen	
Johnny Sanders	George Cooley	Gerg Noble	John Larman
Gary Greenstreet	Alan Aarrington	Larry Cook	Mike Darrah
Eric Burch	Mark Hite		Robert Yarbourgh

### JACOMO LAKE MAINTENANCE:

Otis Bousman	David Cook	Kevin DeVoss	DeLayne Jackson
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Gary Midyett                      Jerry Longaker      Frank Fisher                      Brian Falke

LANDAHL PARK MAINTENANCE:

Tim Welch                      Monica Vaughn      Ed Farmer

EQUIPMENT REPAIR SHOP:

Dan Tweedie      Earl Manns                      Tom Pontalion      Jim Cox  
Harold Fann      James Nelson                      Dave Shrout                      Angela Warren

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby commends these Jackson County Parks and Recreation workers responsible for rebuilding Christmas in the Park...Attorney  
Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_ County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution # 11979 of December 8, 1997, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_ December 8 \_\_\_\_\_, 1997 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_                      Nays \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_                      Absent \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Jo Brogato, Clerk of Legislature