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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Yoli Tortilleria on its winning the James Beard Award for Outstanding Bakery.

RESOLUTION NO. 21307, June 12, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, DaRon McGee, Jalen Anderson, Charlie Franklin, Venessa Huskey, and Jeanie Lauer, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the James Beard Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to celebrate, support, and elevate the people behind America's food culture and champion a standard of good food anchored in talent, equity, and sustainability; and,

WHEREAS, a James Beard Award is one of the most prestigious awards in the American food industry; and,

WHEREAS, Yoli Tortilleria, a beloved local Mexican tortilla bakery and retail store on Jefferson Street in Kansas City's Westside, was honored on June 5, 2023, with the James Beard Award for Outstanding Bakery, recognizing its contributions to the culinary arts, its unwavering commitment to culinary excellence, and its dedication to upholding the cultural traditions of the community; and,

WHEREAS, Yoli Tortilleria follows traditional techniques native to México, but uses local, seasonal, high-quality ingredients found in the Midwest and a passion for preserving and showcasing the rich

culinary heritage of our region; and,

WHEREAS, Yoli Tortilleria produces stone-ground corn tortillas, Sonoran-style flour tortillas, salsas, tamales, aguas frescas and the recently introduced Eat Yoli Zine series, where storytelling intersects with food; and,

WHEREAS, owners Marissa Gencarelli, born and raised in Sonora, México, and Mark Gencarelli, use tortillas and other traditional Mexican foods “to connect and honor (Marissa’s) ancestors in the middle of North America” and have brought significant honor to the Westside and the Mexican community in Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates Yoli Tortilleria on its remarkable achievement in winning the James Beard Award for Outstanding Bakery and extends best wishes on all of its future endeavors.

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. 21307 of June 12, 2023, was duly passed on June 12, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9 _____

Nays 0 _____

Abstaining 0 _____

Absent 0 _____

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature