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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION expressing Jackson County's commitment to welcome all persons, regardless of their religion, race, ethnicity, age, gender, country of origin, or sexual orientation, who live in or come to Jackson County to visit or pursue opportunities for a better life.

RESOLUTION NO. 19386, February 6, 2017

INTRODUCED BY Crystal Williams, Alfred Jordan, Scott Burnett, and Tony Miller County Legislators

WHEREAS, Jackson County was first settled by Native Americans and built up by pioneering immigrants moving west in a search for the American Dream, and our history is one of welcoming those seeking freedom and the opportunity for a better life; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County has remained true to this heritage, and since 1826 has welcomed refugees and immigrants seeking new homes, safety, freedom, and opportunity; and,

WHEREAS, foreign-born Jackson County residents are a vital part of our community, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the vibrant, diverse culture that we all value; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County has affirmed our commitment to welcoming all individuals through past statements and actions, knowing that discrimination impedes the social and economic progress of the County by preventing all of our residents from fully contributing to the cultural, spiritual, social,

and commercial life of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions of all persons in Jackson County are essential to the County's growth, vitality, and prosperity; and,

WHEREAS, regardless of where we are born or what we look like, we are all Jackson County residents united in our efforts to build a stronger community; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County abides by our principles of public trust that require we respond to acts which are contrary to the public interest to ensure ethical policies and remain true to our values of community; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County is committed to creating the safest and most livable county in the country for all residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature urges all residents of Jackson County to do their part in reaching out and welcoming all those who live in and visit our great County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby proclaims its commitment to being a welcoming community where all of our residents feel welcomed, safe, and able to fully participate in, and contribute to, our County's economic and social life.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Chief Deputy County Counselor County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 19386 of February 6, 2017, was duly passed on February 6, 2017 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____5_____ Nays _____0_____

Abstaining ____3_____ Absent _____1_____

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Date Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature