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## IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney Jean Peters Baker as the 2019 recipient of the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge Foundation Woman of the Year Award.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 20177,** June 3, 2019

**INTRODUCED BY** Scott Burnett, County Legislator

WHEREAS, to mark its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation has named Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney Jean Peters Baker as its 2019 Woman of the Year Award recipient; and,

WHEREAS, in its recognition, the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation described Jean Peters Baker as a fearless and compassionate advocate for crime victims and a champion of working with police and community leaders to make Jackson County a safer and better place to raise a family; and,

WHEREAS, the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation presents the Woman of the Year Award annually to recognize prominent female citizens of Missouri who exemplify accomplishments in her field of endeavor, reaching a level of success through leadership, civic contributions, and an ability to inspire and support others; and, WHEREAS, Ms. Baker has won the respect of neighborhood leaders, small business owners, and law enforcement through her efforts to fight drug abuse and violent crime in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Baker led an effort to reduce homicides in Kansas City by forming neighborhood prosecution teams in areas beset by crime, a program known as the Kansas City No Violence Alliance (NOVA); and,

WHEREAS, the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge was established in 1982 by then Texas Governor Ann Richards, as a women's leadership training program, then known as Leadership Texas ; and,

WHEREAS, Southwestern Bell Corporation was a primary sponsor of Leadership Texas, and when Bell female employees were transferred to Missouri, they brought the program to our area, forming the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge in the late 1980's; and,

WHEREAS, past local honorees include Dr. Bridget McCandless, CiCi Rojas, Sister Berta Sailer, and U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes Jean Peters Baker as the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge 2019 Woman of the Year.

..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. 20177 of June 3, 2019, was duly passed on June 3, 2019 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas <u>9</u>

Nays <u>0</u>

Abstaining <u>0</u>

Absent \_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature