



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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### IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing Reverend Joseph and Marilyn Colaizzi for their thirty-five years of service to Shelter KC: A Kansas City Rescue Mission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20296**, November 4, 2019

**INTRODUCED BY** Scott Burnett, Theresa Galvin, Dan Tarwater III, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Ronald E. Finley, Charlie Franklin, and Jeanie Lauer, County Legislators  
County Legislators

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2019, Shelter KC: A Kansas City Rescue Mission will host *I Stand Amazed*, a special event to celebrate Reverend Joseph and Marilyn Colaizzi for their thirty-five years of service to the shelter; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Colaizzi was raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Cincinnati; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Colaizzi joined the production team for *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood* and later became the director of instruction television at Carnegie Mellon University; and,

WHEREAS, while at Carnegie Mellon, Rev. Colaizzi experienced a life-changing encounter with Christ, which led to an adventure in faith as a homeless person in New York City; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Colaizzi found shelter at the Lamb's Manhattan Church of the Nazarene where he

subsequently served the homeless for seven years as a team member and associate pastor; and,

WHEREAS, while at the Manhattan Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Colaizzi met his wife Marilyn and, in 1983, their family moved to Kansas City where Rev. Colaizzi pursued a Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and volunteered at Kansas City Rescue Mission, eventually becoming the Mission's executive director in 1985; and,

WHEREAS, during Rev. Colaizzi's thirty-five years of leadership, Kansas City Rescue Mission has grown from one employee to sixty employees, providing emergency shelter, meals, chapel services, resident addiction recovery, case management, health care, adult education, life skills, and counseling services at the KCRM Men's Center and the KCRM Women's Center that was established in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Colaizzi has brought to bear years of steady, faithful, and forward thinking to find effective ways to encourage and empower poor and homeless persons to have hope while transforming their lives to become successful members of our community; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Colaizzi and Marilyn have two grown children, Joey and Janna, and live in Blue Springs; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes Reverend Joseph Colaizzi and his wife Marilyn for their thirty-five years of service and support to Shelter KC: A Kansas City Rescue Mission and extends best wishes to the Mission for a successful celebration event.

..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

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County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 20296 of November 4, 2019, was duly passed on November 4, 2019 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature