



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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

**A RESOLUTION** congratulating Marilu Herrick, the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders, on the occasion of her retirement on June 30, 2022.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21026**, August 15, 2022

**INTRODUCED BY** Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Marilu Herrick, the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders, retired on June 30, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Marilu is a pioneer in the field of intellectual and developmental disorder services, having founded Rainbow Center in 1977 after seeing a need for intensive therapeutic intervention within an academic setting; and,

WHEREAS, since then, the Rainbow Center has provided a positive, self-esteem building day school for students with severe communication deficits and behaviors, including, all aspects of autism spectrum disorders and Down syndrome; and,

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Center moved into its first independent facility in 1990 and, in 1996, opened Rainbow Options, an adult day habilitation program which now serves fifty adults with severe disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Marilu is a master at creating partnerships in the community, and using her skills, she developed a gentle, welcoming culture that empowers its ninety employees and a thriving volunteer environment; and,

WHEREAS, Rainbow Center Day School serves seventy-five students this year and has partnerships with approximately twenty school districts across the five-county area that, because of Marilu's reputation and achievements, foster hope for parents and brings success for their children; and,

WHEREAS, Marilu believes that "there is always a way to teach someone, it's just up to us to figure out how"; and,

WHEREAS, Marilu's co-workers will miss her knowledge and expertise and her impact will be felt for generations; and,

WHEREAS, her family and friends join in congratulating her on this momentous occasion; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Marilu Herrick on the occasion of her retirement from the Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders, and extends its best wishes in all of her future endeavors.

..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. 21026 of August 15, 2022, was duly passed on August 15, 2022 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