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RESOLUTION NO. 220221

Joining the Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City in acknowledging the importance of agriculture in the Kansas City and surrounding areas on National Ag Day.

WHEREAS, the Kansas City and surrounding areas have a rich agricultural heritage grown from the labors of farmers and ranchers before us and impact the lives of all Kansas Citians from the food we eat, the fuel we use, to the clothes we wear; and

WHEREAS, agriculture contributes more than \$88.4 billion to the Missouri state economy and \$70.3 billion to the Kansas economy, is home to more than 150,000 farms collectively, and employs more than 700,000 laborers; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City is home to the Animal Health Corridor, American Royal, National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame, and historically, the Kansas City Stockyards, formerly the second largest stockyards in the nation; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers in both Missouri and Kansas work every day to grow and raise food, fuel, and fiber for people domestically and globally as the population grows and the need for a sustainable food supply has never been greater; and

WHEREAS, in a time when people experience food insecurity and severe weather events impact daily lives, farmers and ranchers in Missouri and Kansas are committed to producing more food while using less resources as they seek to continuously improve as good stewards of the finite resources they have been given; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare and recognize March 22, 2022 as Kansas City Ag Day and

recognize the month of March 2022 as Kansas City Ag Month and hereby urge all Kansas Citians to join in the celebration in honor of the important contributions and strong agricultural history in the city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Bob Peterson and J.J. Jones of The Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City as a symbol of the Mayor and Council's respect and high regard for the agricultural contributions to the city.
