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RESOLUTION NO. 230593

Sponsor: Councilmember Melissa Robinson

RESOLUTION - Acknowledging KCrossover as Kansas City's new professional women's basketball team and celebrating July 13th as KCrossover Day in Kansas City.

WHEREAS, change has been relatively slow to come. Women's basketball may have been recognized as a sport over 100 years ago, but it took another 60 years or so for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to sanction national championships for women; and

WHEREAS, the Global Women's Basketball Association (GWBA) began in 2016 in North America. The GWBA aims to provide more opportunities for women athletes to pursue a professional career beyond collegiate, amateur and Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA); and

WHEREAS, on July 8th, the KCrossover in their inaugural season in the GWBA, played their first game against the Wisconsin Glo at the KC Elite Basketball Academy in Independence, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the KCrossover is a professional women's basketball team complete with contracts, sponsors and a roster of twelve paid players and up to seven unpaid back up players, all displaying character, discipline and excellence; and

WHEREAS, it is written that there is no substitute for hard work. If you work hard and prepare yourself, you might get beat, but you will never lose; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council declare and decree that July 13th is KCrossover Day in Kansas City, a day to celebrate female athletes and to thank them for their hard-won advances in sports; 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 head coach Toya Westbrook and the entire KCrossover organization with the support of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City.