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RESOLUTION NO. 230898

Sponsor: Councilmember Jonathan Duncan

RESOLUTION - Adopting the Hispanic Heritage Flag created by Missouri artist Jose Garza and authorizing the City Manager to fly the flag over the City of Kansas City, Missouri during Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Festival, Inc. of St. Louis, Missouri, in collaboration with the Regional Arts Commission and the Latinx Arts Network has unveiled the creation of the Hispanic Heritage Flag for the first time to the local Hispanic community members at the Missouri History Museum on August 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Hispanic Heritage Flag was undertaken to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which spans from September 15 to October 15, and is a period that commemorates the independence of numerous Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, the creation of this flag was entrusted to St. Louis, Missouri, artist Jose Garza, who, through meticulous work and collaboration with a dedicated committee, imbued the flag with purposeful colors and symbols, reflecting values such as perseverance, sacrifice, family, courage, prosperity, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Heritage Flag includes an eight-pointed star, symbolizing the light that shines the way and the number of symbols in the flag itself, the geometric design embodies the chain of mountains stretching through North and South America connecting Hispanic people; and

WHEREAS, the colors of the flag include light blue symbolizing water and justice for everyone, brown representing Hispanic people of color, dark blue symbolizing the sky above us all and perseverance, light orange representing the sacrifices of those who came before us, red representing Hispanic family bonds and courage, orange representing the energy of Hispanic communities, and green representing the earth and prosperity for all; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognizes Jose Garza for his outstanding contribution in crafting the Hispanic Heritage Flag, which will serve as a unifying symbol of our diverse and vibrant community during Hispanic Heritage Month; 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 Jose Garza, Alderwoman Daniela Valazquez and the Hispanic and Indigenous Community of Kansas City, Missouri, with the mayor and Council authorizing the City Manager to fly the Hispanic Heritage Flag at City Hall.

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