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RESOLUTION NO. 240476

Sponsor: Councilmember Melissa Robinson

RESOLUTION - Recognizing June as RaisingKC Month in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, RaisingKC is our community’s united response to these calls for action: The single most important factor influencing a child’s healthy development is having a safe, stable and nurturing relationship with a mother, father or other primary caregiver, according to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine; the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Children’s Hospital Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry have issued a national Crisis Alert, calling for action to prevent the serious toll on children’s mental health caused by toxic stress; and the American Academy of Pediatrics calls for a community-wide effort to recognize toxic stress as “a slow moving public health threat that can be tempered by a preventative approach aimed at developing and strengthening healthy relationships”; and

WHEREAS, during June RaisingKC Month, community experts in health, education, business and community support will share the science of toxic stress and how safe, stable, nurturing adult-child relationships are the #1 way to prevent the leading mental, behavioral and physical health problems of our time, including violence, bullying, drug addiction, anxiety, depression, suicide, obesity, heart disease, cancer and more; and

WHEREAS during June RaisingKC Month, we will lead city-wide conversations and connections through our website, RaisingKC.org, and across the entire bi-state area; and

WHEREAS, an iconic RaisingKC Quilt, 10 ft. X 10 ft., depicting the moments and people who help create our safe, stable and nurturing community has been created to symbolize the comfort and coming together around our children will be on display at Union Station from June 3rd to June 16th; and

WHEREAS, Every adult matters, we are asking every adult in the community to make the commitment to be the safe, stable, and nurturing person in the life of a child or children; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:**

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize June as RaisingKC Month in Kansas City, Missouri; 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 Barbara and Robert Unell with the encouragement of the Mayor and Council that the public visit RaisingKC.org to find out more about safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and tools to build them, as we come together to make a wide, sustainable and lasting effect on preventing the negative outcomes associated with toxic stress and positively and permanently affect all our lives and well-being.

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