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RESOLUTION NO. 20732, August 2, 2021

INTRODUCED BY Dan Tarwater III, Ronald E. Finley, Jalen Anderson, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Theresa Cass Galvin, County Legislators

WHEREAS, ten area students have partnered with ArtsTech to educate themselves and thousands of community members on COVID-19 and the vaccines; and,

WHEREAS, these Youth Health Ambassadors have interviewed health professionals from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Samuel U. Rodgers Health Center, Kansas City Health Department, and Truman Medical Centers to learn about the impact of COVID-19 on minority communities; and,

WHEREAS, information gathered from their research shows minorities are twice as likely to die from the virus, and youths, aged 12 to 17, account for only 8.2 percent of completed vaccinations; and,

WHEREAS, each of the student health ambassadors has a family history of diabetes or COVID-19 illness and has pledged to educate at least 100 of their unvaccinated friends and family about the benefits of the vaccine in an effort to dispel common myths and overcome vaccine hesitancy; and,

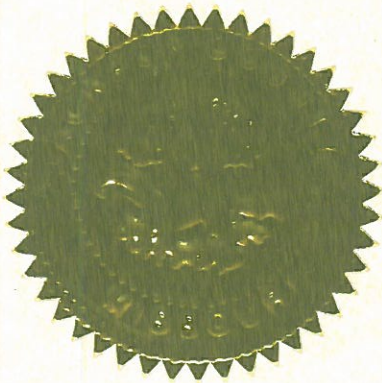
WHEREAS, the ten Youth Health Ambassadors are: Isabel White, junior at Paseo Academy, Hannah Scott, senior at Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, Caleb Scott, 8th grader at Lincoln Middle School, Skyelar Anderson, sophomore at Raymore Peculiar High School, Trinity Burgo, student at the Kansas City Art Institute, Briana Burgo, student at the Kansas City Art Institute, Aalyiah Ingram, junior at F.L. Schlagle High School, Bruce Burgo, senior at Lee's Summit North High School, Aniyah Fletcher, junior at Raytown High School, and Jayleona Mayfield, freshman at Ruskin High School; and,

WHEREAS, these students have used their creativity to design t-shirts, posters, and tote bags and their social media knowledge to educate and influence family and friends about COVID-19 and other healthy lifestyle related issues; and,


WHEREAS, the Youth Health Ambassadors were directed by ArtsTech staff and volunteers, Jim "Grandad" Nunnelly, retired ArtsTech Executive Director Dave Sullivan, ArtsTech Youth Coordinator Taylor Brown, ArtsTech Executive Director Juan Tabb, and ArtsTech Evaluator Joycelyn Burgo; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby recognizes ArtsTech and its Youth Health Ambassadors for their outreach efforts to educate our community about COVID-19 vaccines.

Resolution adopted this second day of August, two thousand and twenty-one.



Attest:


Mary Jo Spino
Clerk of the County Legislature

