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RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE RECALL OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE FRANK WHITE, JR.

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Republican County Committee has witnessed mounting concerns regarding the leadership and operations of Jackson County government under County Executive Frank White, Jr., particularly related to property tax assessments, taxpayer burden, fiscal management, and overall government accountability;

WHEREAS, under Executive White's administration and his appointed Assessor, Jackson County has experienced a historic and unprecedented surge in property assessment appeals — rising from a previous high of 7,000 to more than 21,000 appeals in 2019, and exceeding 54,000 in 2023. In 2025 alone, more than 5,000 commercial property appeals were filed, representing nearly 25% of all businesses in the County;

WHEREAS, the County has reached an all-time high in property tax delinquency, with more than 23,000 taxpayers behind on their bills, and more than 6,000 assessment appeals from 2023 still unresolved — delays unmatched in Missouri history — due to inaction by the Board of Equalization appointed by Executive White;

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Jackson County enacted some of the most restrictive mandates in the country, including permanent business closures such as Rae's Café in Blue Springs, in violation of state health regulations — raising serious concerns over executive overreach and misuse of emergency powers;

WHEREAS, the County Counselor's Office, under Executive White's direction, has continued to expend taxpayer resources appealing a unanimous court decision that found the 2023 property tax assessments to be unlawful, inaccurate, and unfair, and ordered a rollback to 2022 valuations;

WHEREAS, since the beginning of 2025, County Executive White has attended only two out of more than 40 County Legislature meetings, failing in his duty to engage with legislative processes and represent the interests of Jackson County residents;

WHEREAS, state-level agencies — including the Missouri State Auditor, Attorney General, and State Tax Commission — have launched multiple investigations and audits into Jackson County's assessment practices. The State Tax Commission has withheld over \$2 million in funding due to the County's failure to file a legally required maintenance plan for the 2025 assessment cycle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Republican County Committee formally and publicly endorses a "YES" vote on **Question #1** in the September 30, 2025, special election:

"Shall Frank White Jr. be recalled from the office of County Executive in Jackson County, Missouri?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee urges all Jackson County voters to hold their elected officials accountable and to support efforts that restore transparency, fiscal responsibility, and good governance to our County.

Adopted this 25th day of August, 2025

John Butler, Chairman

By the Jackson County Republican County Committee