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Jackson County Executive

WHEREAS, the Heartland embraces folks from every faith, A to Z - American Indian to Zoroastrian, with members of these faiths working together on the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council since 1989; and

WHEREAS, our region has been recognized nationally in many ways for its interfaith activities and the work our citizens have done to promote understanding among citizens of all faiths; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County commissioned a special task force to study interfaith relations in the five-county region following the 2001 terrorist attacks and the area has enjoyed benefits from this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, a partnership among Harvard University's Pluralism Project, Religions for Peace-USA at the United Nations Plaza, the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council, and Jackson County's Saint Paul School of Theology, with funding from the Henry Luce Foundation, now makes possible a pilot training program for religious leaders and seminarians, called "The Interfaith Academies," to be held in Kansas City, June 13-27, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the participants will visit numerous religious and cultural sites, including the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and a Royals game, and the public will be invited to special Academy events; now therefore,

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, I, MICHAEL D. SANDERS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, HEREBY PROCLAIM, JUNE 13 - JUNE 27, 2007, AN "INTERFAITH SEASON OF UNDERSTANDING" AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN TRADITION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, AND WELCOME THE PARTICIPANTS AS THEY STRIVE TO ENHANCE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG ALL FAITHS.

OFFICIALLY SIGNED THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2007

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