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RESOLUTION NO. 240010

Sponsor: Mayor Quinton Lucas

RESOLUTION - Honoring Stephane “Steph” Shannon, for her incredible contributions to Kansas City and the Kansas City film industry.

WHEREAS, in October 2014, Steph Shannon set up the KC Film Office as a professional presence to attract and recruit projects as well as offer leadership and guidance to any project on the best ways to accomplish their vision in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, by November 2023, over nine (9) years later, she has recruited and given assistance to over 1700 projects in the Kansas City area, equaling an economic impact of more than \$80M; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Steph Shannon architected the first Local Film Incentive for Kansas City. This was the first local incentive program in the country to be established by a city while not having a statewide film incentive in place; and

WHEREAS, Steph Shannon built relationships to successfully land - and work with - scores of film and television shows right here in Kansas City. Titles include the world-wide hit *Queer Eye* on Netflix, NBC’s *American Ninja Warrior* twice (2015 & 2017), Cannes Award winning film *American Honey*, *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning* for Peacock/Bravo, independent films *Different Flowers*, *All Creatures Here Below* and *Big Sonia*; and

WHEREAS, Steph Shannon’s dedication to growing the industry led her to be an integral advocate for the Missouri State Film Incentive. In 2023, the ‘Show Mo Act’ passed, and now Missouri has a \$16M film incentive program to effectively compete with other states for larger projects and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Steph Shannon is a great steward of relationships inside and outside of the City that are meaningful, authentic and fruitful. These relationships are foundational for the continued growth and success of the film industry in Kansas City and the entire bi-state area, putting KC on the map as a hub for film production and post-production; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby extend their thanks and appreciation to Steph Shannon, Kansas City Film Office Director and Kansas City Film Commissioner, for her years of dedicated service and support; 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 Steph Shannon in token of the Mayor and Council’s thanks for putting Kansas City on screens around the world.

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