



Office of the Mayor
City of Jackson, Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Huntington's Disease is a devastating, hereditary, degenerative brain disorder that results in a loss of cognitive, behavioral, and physical control; and can strike at any time of life but most commonly affects those in the prime of their lives, with fewer than 10% of cases affecting children and adolescents with Juvenile HD; and each child of a person with HD has a 50% risk of inheriting the fatal genetic mutation, leaving more than 41,000 people in the United States currently diagnosed and more than 200,000 others at risk; and

WHEREAS: The HDSA Missouri Chapter's mission is to improve the lives of everyone affected by Huntington's Disease (HD) and their families; and their vision is a world free of Huntington's Disease; and they do this through education, support services, awareness, and advocacy on behalf of individuals with HD, their families, friends and caregivers; and

WHEREAS: There are currently no treatments to prevent, stall, or cure Huntington's Disease; and the HDSA Centers of Excellence, including Washington University in St. Louis, are the backbone comprehensive clinical care, social work support, and research into meaningful treatments; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jackson, Missouri recognizes the efforts of the Missouri Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America and its many volunteers to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Huntington's Disease and improve the quality of life for those living with HD as well as their caregivers; and

WHEREAS: The HDSA mission is anchored in three pillars, each strengthened by commitment: Care, Cure, Community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dwain L. Hahs, Mayor of the City of Jackson, do hereby proclaim, in the City of Jackson, the month of May 2026:

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Jackson, Missouri, this eleventh day of April, 2026.

Mayor Dwain L. Hahs