EXHIBIT "A"

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this ***"Agreement"***) is made and entered into effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2022 (the "***Effective Date***"), by and between City of Joplin, Missouri, a Missouri municipal corporation, (***"Donor"***) and the Missouri Southern State University (***"Donee"***).

RECITALS

A. Donor is a municipal corporation in Jasper County, Missouri.

B. Donee is a state university located in Jasper County, Missouri.

C. Donee has plans to construct a Health Science Innovation Center on its campus in in Joplin, Missouri, and has secured a $15 million appropriation from the Missouri General Assembly which represents half of the total cost of the proposed project. Donee is in the process of securing charitable and other commitments to raise the remaining $15 million.

D. Donee has requested $1.5 million from Donor from the State and Local Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that the Donor received. Donor desires to donate or appropriate $1.5 million from those funds, subject to terms, covenants and conditions contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants, promises and agreements hereinafter contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Donor and Donee hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1.
DONATION

1.1 Donation and Use of Funds. Upon the terms, covenants and conditions herein set forth, Donor agrees to donate $1.5 million to Donee from Donor's ARPA funds. The funds shall be solely used for costs directly associated with the construction of the Health Science Innovation Center. These costs include architectural, engineering, development and construction of the Center.

1.2 Condition Precedent. Donor's donation is conditioned on Donee completing the fundraising need for the balance of the projected cost of the Health Science Innovation Center, $ 13.5 million no later than June 30, 2024. Donee shall secure this fundraising and provide a summary of commitments (while respecting the donors wishes for anonymity). The summary will provide information including irrevocable letters of intent to gift, transfer and otherwise commit to the Donee/project. In the event Donee is unable to complete this fundraising by this date, then Donor may terminate this MOU and reallocate its $1.5 million to maintain its compliance with the

SLFRF. In addition, after meeting the fundraising condition, Donee agrees to complete construction of the Health Science Innovation Center by December 31, 2026.

1.3 Information and Documentation. Donee agrees to provide any information related to the project as may be requested by Donor from time to time.

ARTICLE 4.
REPRESENTATIONS, COVENANTS AND WARRANTIES

4.1 Donor's Representation, Covenants and Warranties. Donor represents, warrants and covenants to Donee as follows, which representation and warranties shall be considered made as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date:

4.1.1 *Donor's Authority*. Donor is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri and has all requisite power and authority to execute this Agreement and such other documents as may be necessary or desirable to perform its obligations hereunder; the execution and delivery thereof by Donor is fully authorized by all requisite authority; and no other consents by any other party are required for Donor to execute and deliver this Agreement and such other documents.

4.1.2 *Authority of Signatories; No Breach of Other Agreements*. The execution, delivery of and performance under this Agreement is pursuant to authority validly and duly conferred upon Donor and the signatories of Donor hereto. To the actual knowledge of Donor, the performance by Donor of its obligations under the terms of this Agreement do not conflict in any material or adverse way with or result in breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under any agreement, arrangement, understanding, accord, document or instrument by which Donor is bound, and, to the actual knowledge of Donor, will not and does not constitute a violation of any applicable law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, to which Donor is subject.

4.1.3 *All Required Action Taken*. All action required pursuant to this Agreement and necessary to effectuate the donation contemplated herein has been or will be taken with reasonable promptness and in good faith by Donor and its representatives and agents.

4.2 Donee's Representations, Covenants and Warranties. Donee represents, warrants and covenants to Donor as follows, which representations and warranties shall survive Closing hereunder for the period provided below and shall inure to the benefit of Donor, its successors and assigns and shall be considered made as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date:

4.2.1 *Donee's Authority*. Donee is a state university organized under the law of the State of Missouri, and has all requisite power and authority to execute this Agreement and such other documents as may be necessary or desirable to perform its obligations hereunder; the execution and delivery thereof by Donee is fully authorized by all requisite authority; and no other consents by any other party are required for Donee to execute and deliver this Agreement and such other documents.

4.2.2 *Authority of Signatories; No Breach of Other Agreements*. The execution, delivery of and performance under this Agreement is pursuant to authority validly and duly conferred upon Donee and the signatories of Donee hereto. To the actual knowledge of Donee, the performance by Donee of its obligations under the terms of this Agreement do not conflict in any material or adverse way with our result in breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under any agreement, arrangement, understanding, accord, document or instrument by which Donee is bound, and, to the actual knowledge of Donee, will not and does not constitute a violation of any applicable law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any governmental instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, to which Donee is subject.

4.2.3 *All Required Action Taken*. All action required pursuant to this Agreement and necessary to effectuate the donation contemplated herein has been or will be taken with reasonable promptness and in good faith by Donee and its representatives and agents.

4.2.4 *Recognition*. Upon achieving fund goals, and prior to proceeding with construction, parties shall mutually agree to ensure recognition of the City of Joplin as grantor of resources which may include a plaque or similar permanent recognition placed in the completed Center.

ARTICLE 6.
NOTICE

6.1 Notice. Any notice or election required or permitted to be given or served by any party hereto upon any other will be deemed sufficiently given when delivered in person, or when deposited in the United States Mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to such party at the respective addresses given below, or sent by telecopy to the fax numbers set forth below, provided that a confirming copy of the telecopy is promptly sent by United States mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the addresses given below and a copy of any notice or election given to either party shall be promptly delivered to the attorneys for such party at the addresses given below:

If to Donor: City of Joplin
Attention: Peter C. Edwards
City Attorney
602 S. Main
Joplin, Missouri 64801

If to Donee: Missouri Southern State University
Attention: Dr. Dean Van Galen, President
203 Hearnes Hall
3950 E. Newman Road
Joplin, Missouri 64801

6.2 Effective Date; Change of Address. Each such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been delivered to the party to which addressed on the date the same is hand-delivered, if mailed when deposited in the United States Postal system, sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as the case may be, properly addressed in the manner above provided, and shall be deemed to have been received by the party to which addressed, in the case of hand delivery, on the day it is delivered, or in the case of United States Mail, on the date of deposit in the United States Postal system. Any party may change its address for notice by delivering written notice of said change to the other party, in the manner above provided.

ARTICLE 7.
GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.1 Remedies. In the event of any breach or default by Donee hereunder, Donor shall be entitled to pursue any and all rights and remedies allowed at law or in equity. In the event of a breach or default of this Agreement by Donor occurring prior to Closing and resulting in a failure to close, Donee's sole and exclusive remedy shall be to terminate this Agreement, provided that Donee shall not exercise such remedy unless Donor has first been given written notice of the breach or default hereunder and it remains uncured following such notice for a period of thirty (30) days.

7.2 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire and complete agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes any prior oral or written agreements between the parties with respect to the Property. It is expressly agreed that there are no verbal understanding or agreements which in any way change the terms, covenants and conditions herein set forth, and that no modification of this Agreement and no waiver of any of its terms and conditions shall be effective unless made in writing and duly executed by the parties hereto.

7.3 Duties for Performance. If the date for the performance of any act hereunder falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the time for performance of such act shall be deemed extended to the next business day.

7.4 Survival. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements set forth in this Agreement shall survive (and shall be enforceable after) the Closing, and shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

7.5 Captions. The headings or captions of the articles, sections or paragraphs appearing in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, are not a part of this Agreement and are not to be considered in the interpreting this Agreement.

7.6 Binding Effect. The Agreement shall become effective and shall be binding on the parties only after it has been signed by both Donee and Donor. This Agreement and all covenants, terms and provisions contained herein shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The restrictions, covenants and easements set forth in the Deed shall burden and run with Property.

7.7 Controlling Law. This Agreement has been made and entered into under the laws of the State of Missouri, and said laws shall control the interpretation hereof.

7.8 Time of the Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

7.9 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement and shall be binding on the parties.

7.11 Participation. Each of the parties has had the opportunity to participate in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement, and expressly acknowledges such participation, and agrees that no rule construing contractual language against the party which drafted such language shall be applicable in connection with this Agreement.

7.12 Expense of Parties. In the event of litigation between the parties arising under or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall have the right to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses from the non-prevailing party. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, each party hereto will pay and bear its own expenses and fees in connection with this Agreement and the donation contemplated hereby.

7.13 Effective Date. As used herein, the term ***"Effective Date"*** shall mean and refer to the date upon which this Agreement is executed by the last party to sign, as indicated by the dates set forth below opposite the signatures of Donee and Donor.

7.14 Exhibits. Any reference herein to any exhibit, addendum or attachment refers to the applicable exhibit, addendum or attachment attached to this Agreement, and all such exhibits, addenda or attachments shall constitute a part of this Agreement and are expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

7.15 Conflicts. In the event of a conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any provision of the Deed, the latter provision shall control to the extent of the conflict.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank; signatures on succeeding page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Donation Agreement as of the dates set for below.

DONOR:

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI,
a Missouri municipal corporation

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Date: _____

DONEE:

MISSOURI SOUTHERN
STATE UNIVERSITY
Non-profit, Missouri Public Institution

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Date: _____