

RESOLUTION NO. 18-18

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF COMMON PURPOSE EMPHASIZING GOVERNMENT INNOVATION AND COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING.

WHEREAS, communities today face increasing pressures to deliver quality services that meet and exceed citizen expectations with limited, finite resources; and,

WHEREAS, communities place high importance on the public they serve and the staff they depend upon, striving to support both the public and their teams using “best in class” technology, principles and practices; and,

WHEREAS, today’s challenges often transcend municipal boundaries and include common pain points, including an increasing decline in the funding sources that have traditionally supported strong municipal services delivery; and,

WHEREAS, collaborative initiatives in the greater metropolitan region, such as the Regional 911 System, have historically resulted in optimal solutions that have enhanced service delivery through innovation and technology and have provided cost efficiencies through shared resources; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of Independence, Blue Springs and Lee’s Summit, Missouri, all agencies located in eastern Jackson County, Missouri, and sharing common borders, are participants in these collaborations, and have an established, ongoing cooperative relationship between their individual jurisdictions – both with their professional staff and governing bodies - that has proven beneficial in addressing common, relevant topics; and,

WHEREAS, the leadership of these agencies, with assistance by Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), desire to initiate a partnership with the objective of expanding and leveraging increased government innovation to actively explore collaborative strategies and solutions for the benefit of employees, residents and visitors; and,

WHEREAS, initial activities of this initiative will include identifying critical and current service needs that lend themselves to a collaborative approach, and MARC facilitating discussions of key staff and stakeholders to explore and evaluate which issues are most viable to come forward for further Governing Body consideration; and,

WHEREAS, other local jurisdictions may be interested in participating in the exploration and implementation of various collaborative solutions, which would broaden the positive impact of these programs and further promote strategic government innovation in our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE’S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby adopts this Statement of Common Purpose emphasizing Government Innovation and Collaborative Problem Solving for the purpose of exploring various cooperative initiatives between the cities of Independence, Blue Springs and Lee’s Summit, Missouri with support by the Mid-America Regional Council, and does commit to supporting staff in these activities.

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SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption, and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and approved by the Mayor of said City this _____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

Mayor *William A. Baird*

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*