

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing National Police Week 2023 and honoring the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in our community.

RESOLUTION NO. 21XXX, May 15, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Sean E. Smith, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the citizens of Jackson County acknowledge and recognize the importance of National Police Week 2023, a time to honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers in our county and across the nation; and,

WHEREAS, on May 15, 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and since then, it has been observed annually to pay tribute to law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting their communities; and,

WHEREAS, National Police Week was established by a joint resolution of Congress, with the aim of providing special recognition to those law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty while upholding law and order, and ensuring the safety and security of their communities; and,

WHEREAS, over 800,000 law enforcement officers serve America today, including the dedicated public servants in our communities who tirelessly work to keep Jackson County safe; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Jackson County recognize the crucial role played by law

enforcement agencies in safeguarding the welfare of our citizens, often doing so with staff that are overworked, understaffed, and underappreciated; and,

WHEREAS, it is with utmost respect and gratitude that we honor the unwavering service and dedication of our law enforcement officers, who selflessly put their lives on the line to fulfill their civic duties and protect the well-being of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature seeks to raise awareness and foster a spirit of appreciation among our citizens for the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby designates the week of May 14-20, 2023, as National Police Week in Jackson County, and urges all citizens to join in commemorating May 15, 2023, as Peace Officers Memorial Day, paying tribute to the heroic sacrifices of these valiant public servants.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chief Deputy County Counselor

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21XXX of May 15, 2023, was duly passed on _____, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____

Nays _____

Abstaining _____

Absent _____

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature