



McDonald County Commission

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WHEREAS, the Governor of Missouri, Mike Kehoe, has recognized the importance of local government commitment to public safety, and by Executive Order 25-03, has created the Blue Shield Program to acknowledge local law enforcement dedicated to these efforts;

WHEREAS, the Blue Shield Program allows communities to access state grants for law enforcement training and equipment, contributing to the Governor's Safer Missouri initiative;

WHEREAS, the McDonald County Commission, the governing body for McDonald County Missouri, acknowledges the critical importance of Public Safety for the well-being and prosperity of its citizens;

WHEREAS, the McDonald County Commission, is dedicated to improving public safety and recognizes the importance of fostering sustainable partnerships with law enforcement, thereby ensuring a safe and secure community for its residents;

WHEREAS, the reduction of violent crime is a priority for the McDonald County Commission and the McDonald County Sheriff's Office requires a collaborative and strategic approach, including prevention, intervention, and enforcement efforts;

WHEREAS, the McDonald County Commission has made significant investments in public safety funding, including initiatives for community policing and local partnerships aimed at improving public safety measures;

WHEREAS, the County of McDonald complies with Missouri crime reporting, traffic stop data requirements, and other related statutes essential for the maintenance of public safety standards;

WHEREAS, the McDonald County Commission recognizes that future grant funding opportunities will be subject to the Missouri General Assembly appropriating funds for this program which has not occurred at the time of this resolutions preparation;

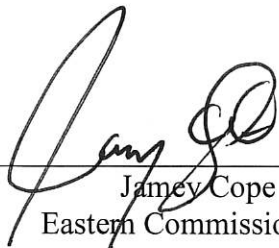
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the County of McDonald by the authority granted the Commission by the laws of the State of Missouri and people of McDonald County, Missouri to stand and defend their rights and liberties, which are guaranteed by the United States and Missouri Constitutions, we hereby declare this Resolution as follows:


1. The McDonald County Commission will utilize the resources available through the Blue Shield Program, including state grants, to further enhance training, equipment, and community policing efforts.
2. The Director of Public Safety, in coordination with McDonald County officials, is authorized to prepare and submit all necessary application materials for the Blue Shield Program as outlined by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.
3. The McDonald County Commission copies of this Resolution shall be shared with the Missouri Department of Public Safety and other relevant agencies to facilitate the application process.

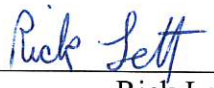
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED This resolution reflects the commitment of the McDonald County Commission to Public Safety and Reducing Crime, ensuring that McDonald County remains a place where all residents, visitors, and businesses can feel safe, secure, and supported.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date set forth below:

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of AUGUST 2025.


Jamey Cope
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Presiding Commissioner


Rick Lett
Western Commissioner

Attest:


Jessica Cole, County Clerk