## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-024**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING ALL FLAGS IN DELAWARE COUNTY TO BE LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF FALLEN SHERIFF CORPORAL BLAKE REYNOLDS

WHEREAS, Delaware County and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office has suffered a tragic loss with the line-of-duty death of **Sheriff Corporal Blake Reynolds**, who was fatally injured while serving the citizens of Delaware County on November 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Reynolds served the people of Delaware County with honor, courage, and dedication, exemplifying the highest ideals of public safety and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners, under its general executive authority (Indiana Code §36-2-2-2) and recognizes the solemn duty to honor the life and service of law enforcement officers who die in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is requested and fitting that all flags on County property, and all flags displayed by public entities within Delaware County, be lowered to half-staff as a mark of respect and mourning; and

WHEREAS, this action constitutes an emergency measure taken in immediate response to the loss of a sworn law enforcement officer who gave his life in service to others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware County Board of Commissioners, that:

- 1. Flag Display Order. Effective immediately upon passage of this Resolution, all flags flown on County-owned, County-leased, or County-operated properties, as well as those at all municipal buildings, public safety facilities, and other public entities within Delaware County, are requested to be lowered to half-staff to honor the service and sacrifice of Sheriff Corporal Blake Reynolds.
- 2. **Duration.** Flags shall remain at half-staff **until sunset on the day following the funeral services** for Corporal Reynolds, at which time all flags shall be returned to full staff.
- 3. **Notification.** The Delaware County Commissioners direct that notice of this Resolution be immediately provided to:
  - o The Office of the Delaware County Sheriff
  - o The Delaware County Emergency Management Agency
  - o The Delaware County Veterans Affairs Office
  - o All municipal governments within the County
  - o Local media and the general public
- 4. **Respectful Observance.** The Board encourages all residents, businesses, and institutions in Delaware County to join in this solemn display of respect and to remember the family, friends, and fellow officers of Corporal Reynolds during this time of mourning.

DULY ADOPTED and approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025, by the Delaware County Board of Commissioners.

DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF

Shannon Henry, President

Stephen Brand, Vice President

Sherry Riggin, Member

ATTEST:

Edward E. Carroll, Jr.,

Delaware County Auditor