

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** honoring the life and achievements of Lee's Summit Police Detective Shawn Rath who passed away August 26, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19574**, September 11, 2017

**INTRODUCED BY** Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Garry J. Baker, Crystal Williams, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, III, Greg Grounds, and Theresa Galvin, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Lee's Summit Police Detective Shawn Rath, age 44, passed away August 26, 2017, after a yearlong battle with melanoma, a type of skin cancer; and,

WHEREAS, funeral services for Detective Rath were held August 30, 2017, at Legacy Christian Church in Lee's Summit; and,

WHEREAS, Detective Rath had endured numerous rounds of cancer treatments as well as ten surgeries; and,

WHEREAS, the Lee's Summit Police Department and area citizens had turned out in force in July at a fundraiser for Detective Rath, raising over \$13,000 to provide assistance to his family; and,

WHEREAS, the fundraiser for Detective Rath was held at the Lee's Summit Fun House Pizza restaurant and was supported by the Kansas City Jeep Club; and,

WHEREAS, Detective Rath served for over ten years with the Lee's Summit Police Department on the crisis intervention team and as a hostage negotiator, and had over twenty years' service in the military and law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, Detective Rath's health battle has resulted in over \$4 million in medical bills, adding to the challenge and strain of his illness; and,

WHEREAS, Detective Rath's wife Carrie, and their son Patrick, are grateful for the outpouring of support from the community during this difficult time; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Jackson County offer their support to Detective Rath's family and to the brave men and women of the Lee's Summit Police Department through these challenges; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature honors the life and achievements of Detective Shawn Rath, and extends its deepest condolences and support to his family.

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. 19574 of September 11, 2017 was duly passed on September 11, 2017 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

9-11-17  
Date

  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature