

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring the Life and Service of Firefighter Paramedic Graham Hoffman.

RESOLUTION NO. 21924, May 5, 2025

INTRODUCED BY Donna Peyton, DaRon McGee, and Manuel Abarca IV,
County Legislators

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that we acknowledge the tragic loss of Kansas City Fire Department Firefighter Paramedic Graham Hoffman, who passed away on April 27th, 2025, from injuries sustained in the line of duty; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoffman was a compassionate, caring, and loving individual, described by his fellow firefighters and academy classmates as a leader both on and off the job;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoffman began his firefighting career at the Belton Fire Department, where his kind, soft-spoken, and witty personality quickly endeared him to colleagues and the community alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoffman joined the Kansas City Fire Department in 2022, serving with distinction at Station 42 in southeast Kansas City and demonstrating unwavering dedication to his profession and the citizens he served; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoffman was known for his exceptional professionalism, earning the admiration of his peers, the trust of his patients, and the love of his community, leaving

behind a legacy of kindness, skill, and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoffman's tragic passing while working overtime in Kansas City's Northland is a stark reminder of the risks faced by first responders who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving others; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature honor the life and service of Firefighter Paramedic Graham Hoffman, express our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and the Kansas City Fire Department, and recognize his extraordinary contributions to the safety and well-being of our community; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature designates this resolution be entered into the official records as a lasting tribute to the memory of Firefighter Paramedic Graham Hoffman, whose sacrifice will never be forgotten.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that May 9th shall be recognized annually in Jackson County as 'Graham Hoffman Day' in honor of his life, legacy, and the ultimate sacrifice he made in service to our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in honor of the legacy of firefighter Hoffman, the Downtown Jackson County Courthouse will be lit red in his honor from Monday, May 5th 2025 to Friday, May 9th 2025.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky

Bryan Covinsky (May 5, 2025 10:10 CDT)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21924 of May 5, 2025, was duly passed on May 5, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

5.5.2025
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature