

Adair County Commission

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Resolution by the Adair County Commissioners to Uphold the Commitment to Public Safety and Request Designation as a Missouri Blue Shield Community

Whereas, the Adair County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement for the County of Adair in Missouri which covers **567.3 square miles** with a **population of 25,224** in 2023 per DATA USA. The county has **34 communities** with only one community, Kirksville, with its own police department. Therefore, the communities of Adair rely heavily upon the Adair County Sheriff's Office for enforcing the law.

Whereas, the Adair County Commissioners acknowledges the critical importance of public safety and supports the work of the Adair County Sheriff's Office. It is important to work together for safe, secure communities, communicating with and educating the people, and build relationships with them so they will feel comfortable reaching out to law enforcement.

Whereas, the Adair County Commissioners also realizes the importance of safety for all its staff and detainees in route or housed in The Adair County Detention Center. This requires properly training staff and providing essential equipment for their duties.

Whereas, the State of Missouri is recognizing counties who demonstrate a strong commitment to community public safety and focus to decrease violent crimes within their jurisdiction, and

Whereas, the Adair County Commissioners have review and evaluated the eligibility criteria for the Missouri Blue Shield designation and fully support the efforts to meet the criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Adair County Commissioners to:

1. **Commitment to Public Safety:** The Adair County Commissioners reaffirms their commitment to public safety and continue to make improvements in public

safety. We will work to reduce violent crimes in Adair County and enhance safety.

2. **Investment in Public Safety:** Adair County Commissioners strive to provide needed funding for public safety and has provided extra funding for needed equipment and repairs to enable the Adair County Sheriff's Office to provide top quality law enforcement. The annual budget continues to provide personnel, equipment, and support to protect the community.
3. **Community Policing Initiatives and Local Partnerships:** Adair County Commissioners work to build stronger, trusting, and long-lasting relationships with the community, law enforcement, and emergency services. The Adair County Sheriff's Office consistently works with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kirksville Police Department, NEMO Drug Task Force, and emergency services to maintain safe and secure communities throughout Adair County.
4. **Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Program:** The Adair County Commissioners acknowledges the importance and challenges of recruiting and retaining qualified law enforcement officers and is committed to providing training, benefits, and incentives to grow and strengthen our law enforcement. The Adair County Deputies are eager to attend training and receive further certifications.
5. **Demonstrated Effectiveness to Reduce Crime:** The Adair County Commissioners emphasize the important of the Adair County Sheriff's Office use of evidence-based strategies and programs that reduce crime.
6. **Participation in Regional Ant-Crime Task Force:** The Adair County Commissioners supports the Adair County Sheriff's Offices participation in anti-crime and drug task forces. We strongly commit to collaborating with neighboring jurisdictions to address crime at a regional level and endeavor to combat crime and ensure safety in the region.
7. **Compliance with Crime Reporting and Data Requirements:** The Adair County Commissions support the Adair County Sheriff Office as they comply with all Missouri Crime Reporting and Traffic Stop Data, as well as other related statutes, to ensure effective, transparent, and accountability in our jurisdiction.

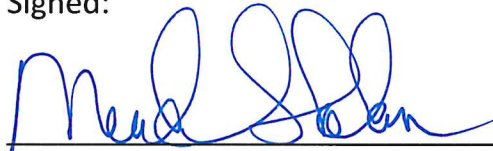
8. Continuous Improvement of Public Safety Practices: The Adair County Commissioners and Adair County Sheriff Office recognize the need for continuous evaluation and improvement of our public safety practices. We regularly review our policies and programs for effectiveness, unbiased, and responsiveness to our community needs. The Adair County Sheriff's Office would like to take part in additional programs with the community.

9. Promotion of a Safe and Secure Environment for All: The Adair County Commissioners and Sheriff's Office reaffirms their goal to keep a safe and secure environment for all the county's residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Adair County Commissioners request that the State of Missouri review and approve our eligibility for the Blue Shield Designation based upon our commitment in the resolution for public safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27 day of May, 2025 by the Adair County Commissioners.

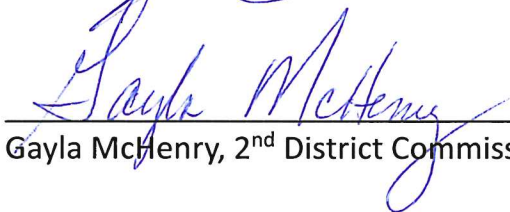
Signed:



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