RESOLUTION NO. 2026-012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE JOPLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE HIRING OF SIX (6) FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS THROUGH PROPOSITION POLICE & FIRE.

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Joplin approved Proposition Police & Fire, authorizing additional funding to enhance public safety services within the community; and

WHEREAS, Proposition Police & Fire included the addition of six (6) swing personnel positions within the Joplin Fire Department staffing plan to improve operational readiness, firefighter safety, emergency response capabilities, and service delivery to the citizens of Joplin; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Department of Homeland Security, administers the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program to assist fire departments in increasing frontline firefighting personnel and maintaining adequate staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City of Joplin to pursue available federal funding opportunities that may offset local personnel costs and allow for the accelerated implementation of voter-approved public safety enhancements; and

WHEREAS, receipt of SAFER grant funding would allow the Joplin Fire Department to hire the six (6) approved swing personnel positions upon approval of the grant, thereby providing immediate benefits to firefighter health and safety, emergency response effectiveness, and community protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the Joplin Fire Department, and such City officials as may be necessary, to prepare and submit an application for funding through the Federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program for the purpose of supporting the hiring of six (6) firefighter swing personnel positions previously approved under Proposition Police & Fire.

Section 2. The City Manager, Fire Chief, Finance Director, and other appropriate City staff are authorized to execute all documents, certifications, and related materials necessary to complete and submit the grant application and to administer any grant funds awarded.

Section 3. Acceptance of any grant award requiring a local funding commitment shall be subject to approval by the City Council and compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Joplin, Missouri to be affixed this 15th day of June 2026.

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Brian “Rob” O’Brian, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk