RESOLUTION NO. 2023-017

A RESOLUTION recognizing Officer Timothy Nielson of the Joplin Police Department for his years of service by naming the bridge on Connecticut Avenue that crosses over Interstate 44 within the city of Joplin as the **"Officer Timothy Nielson Memorial Bridge."**

WHEREAS, Ofc. Timothy Nielson graduated from Missouri Southern State College in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice Administration Degree and became a Joplin Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Ofc. Timothy Nielson was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and a former Explorer Scout with the Joplin Police Department; and an active mentor to Explorer Scouts and young officers; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2004, Ofc. Timothy Nielson displayed great bravery after he and another officer responded to a report of a suicidal individual; and

WHEREAS, Ofc. Timothy Nielson fell in the line of duty while after following the individual into his home where an explosion occurred; and

WHEREAS, Ofc. Timothy Nielson succumbed to his injuries on September 13, 2004, and was survived by his wife Tracey, two daughters, Grace, and Rachel; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2023, Senate Bill 127, Section 227.827 was signed into law designating the bridge on Connecticut Avenue that crosses over Interstate 44 within the city of Joplin as the **"Officer Timothy Nielson Memorial Bridge."** This memorial designation becomes effective August 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ofc. Timothy Nielson possessed great character and trust amongst fellow officers and citizens of this community. He will be forever remembered for his bravery and sacrifice on behalf of the City of Joplin and the law enforcement profession.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Joplin, at its August 7, 2023, meeting, hereby honors Officer Timothy Nielson of the Joplin Police Department for his dedication and service to the community by naming the bridge on Connecticut Avenue that crosses over Interstate 44 within the city of Joplin as the **"Officer Timothy Nielson Memorial Bridge."**

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 7th day of August 2023, by a vote of

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Douglas W. Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy, City Clerk