TO: The Members of the St. Charles County Council
    The Honorable Terry Hollander, Council Chair
    The Honorable Joe Cronin
    The Honorable Joe Brazil
    The Honorable Dave Hammond
    The Honorable Mike Elam
    The Honorable Nancy Schneider
    The Honorable John White
    Brenda Hinton, County Registrar

FROM: Steve Ehlmann, St. Charles County Executive

DATE: February 3, 2020

RE: St. Charles County Police Chief

It is my pleasure to inform you that, pursuant to Article 4, Section 44.250 of the St. Charles County Home Rule Charter, I hereby appoint Kurt L. Frisz, a resident of O'Fallon, Missouri, as Chief of the St. Charles County Police Department. Should this appointment be confirmed by the St. Charles County Council, Kurt Frisz would assume his position as the Chief of the Police Department effective March 12, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. Kurt Frisz was one of the five candidates recommended to me by the Chief of Police Search Committee as set forth in Section 4.250.1.2 of the Charter.

Kurt Frisz is a respected law enforcement professional in the St. Louis metropolitan region and currently serves as the Chief of Police for the City of Wentzville, Missouri, a position he has held since November of 2015.

Chief Frisz began his law enforcement career as a police officer in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1985, and the following year he began a 30-year career with the St. Louis County Police Department. At the St. Louis County Police Department he served as a patrol officer as well as Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. He also commanded the St. Louis County Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force, which is the largest such task force in the Midwest comprised of 50 detectives/agents from 14 local and federal agencies.

Chief Frisz has extensive leadership experience in law enforcement. From supervising officers on patrol and as a Watch Commander supervising a platoon of officers, he went on to provide direct supervision over the Special Investigations Unit investigating high profile vice crimes throughout
the St. Louis area, resulting in the apprehension and prosecution of numerous child predators. For seven years, he served as Commander of the Bureau of Tactical Support, which included the SWAT team, Metro Air Support, the K-9 and Highway Safety Units for St. Louis County. He led the development of the successful Metro Air Support Unit, combining all of the region’s airborne law enforcement resources into one, cohesive unit, which was the first cooperative law enforcement effort between St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County governments.

While Chief Frisz started his St. Louis County career in the North County Precinct, for three years, Frisz commanded the Central County Precinct including four contracted municipalities. Prior to taking command of the Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force, Frisz also commanded the St. Louis County’s Metro officers.

Chief Frisz’s professional development includes the FBI National Academy Class 235, United States Secret Service Dignitary Protection, Federal DEA Narcotics Investigations, International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership in Police Organization, the National Tactical Officers Association and Airborne Law Enforcement Association training. He has a bachelor’s degree from Columbia College.

In addition to his current responsibilities for law and order in the city of Wentzville, Chief Frisz chairs both the St. Charles County Drug Task Force Advisory Board and the St. Charles County Regional SWAT Team Advisory Board, serves on the executive boards of the Eastern Missouri Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and the Eastern Missouri Police Academy, and is a member of the International Chiefs of Police Aviation Committee. His previous board service includes serving as the Eastern Region Director and two terms as President of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association and as Chairman of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association.

Chief Frisz has been recognized with awards from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (aviation), two Medals of Valor, a Distinguished, Service Citation, two Meritorious Service Citations, and six Chiefs Commendations.

By this correspondence, I hereby request your concurrence in confirming Kurt L. Frisz as Chief of the St. Charles County Police Department, effective March 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., on the consent agenda of the St. Charles County Council at your meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

SEE/vh

cc: Joan Leykam, Director of Administration
    John Watson, County Counselor
    Bob Schnur, Director of Finance
    Samantha Shadrach, Director of Human Resources
    Chief Kurt Frisz