A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RETIRED POLICE SERGEANT JOHN BUSH FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ST. CHARLES COUNTY

WHEREAS the St. Charles County Council is pleased to recognize and honor employees or departments for outstanding achievements and John Bush began his career with St. Charles County on February 15, 1967 as a Deputy Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, John established the department’s first firearms program, and was the department’s first NRA certified firearms instructor; and

WHEREAS, John negotiated the lease and supervised construction of the department’s first firearms training site and established and organized the department’s first SWAT; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1970, John was promoted to Lieutenant of the Uniform Division; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 1976, John was transferred to the Detective Bureau from the Road Division; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1977, John received a Medal of Commendation in recognition of outstanding assistance to the O’Fallon Police Department; and
WHEREAS, from 1983 to 1991, John served as Staff Sergeant in charge of Court Services, and Chief Firearms Instructor and Armorer, preparing annual firearms budget, training schedules and writing firearms armorers’ and deadly force policies for the Sheriff Department’s accreditation, and constructing numerous lesson plans for the firearms training program; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 1991, John Bush was promoted to Chief Deputy, being second in command in the Sheriff’s Department; and

WHEREAS, in May 1995, John was presented with an Officer of the Year award by St. Charles County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1995, John was promoted to Sergeant – Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. John Bush had the unusual honor of serving the Sheriff Department with his sons, Sgt. Kevin Wilson and Sgt. John T. Bush; and

WHEREAS, while Sgt John Bush was a private man, his pride in his children Steve, Kevin, John T. and Shawna was known by all; and”

WHEREAS, John was transferred from Sergeant - Patrol Assistant Supervisor to Sergeant Training Coordinator; and
WHEREAS, John completed many different training courses, including but not limited to the Major Case Squad, Supervision of Police Personnel, Jail Operations, Civil Disturbance & Riot Control, Advanced Emergency Medical Training Program, Range Officer’s Training School, Missouri Highway Patrol Academy in Jefferson City, NRA Police Firearms Instructor Certification, Smith and Wesson Armorer Training, Remington Arms Training, Hostage Negotiations, DWI Detection, Breathalyzer Certification, Explosive Devices; and

WHEREAS, John Bush received many commendation letters, including for assisting in a burglary in progress at Thro’s Clothing Company in O’Fallon and capturing the 2 suspects, rescuing an elderly handicapped resident trapped in a burning unit at the Heritage Landing complex, arresting the driver of a stolen car, for valuable assistance during demonstrations at Fort Zumwalt School District, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, John Bush retired in January of 2017 and unfortunately passed away on April 21, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The St. Charles County Council hereby honors the 50-year career of John Bush with the St. Charles County Sheriff Department and the St. Charles County Police Department.

DATE PASSED CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL