

A RESOLUTION

expressing support for policies and initiatives that enhance public safety and reduce violent crime.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia, Missouri, is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, violent crime negatively impacts individuals, families, and the overall quality of life within the community; and

WHEREAS, public safety is a fundamental responsibility of local government, requiring a collaborative approach involving law enforcement, community organizations, and residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of proactive strategies, data-driven policing, and community-based solutions to reduce violent crime effectively.

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

SECTION 1. Commitment to public safety. The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri reaffirms its commitment to ensuring a safe and secure community for all residents by supporting policies and initiatives that enhance public safety and reduce violent crime.

SECTION 2. Continued investment in public safety resources. The City will continue to prioritize investments in training, equipment, and personnel to ensure public safety services have the necessary resources to respond effectively to public safety needs in the community.

SECTION 3. Collaboration with law enforcement and community partners. The City's Police Department will work closely with community partners, including the Boone County Sheriff's Office, University of Missouri Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies to enhance coordination and resource sharing in crime prevention and enforcement efforts.

SECTION 4. Implementation of evidence-based strategies. The City will invest in and support implementation of evidence-based programs that focus on violence prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation.

SECTION 5. **Use of data-driven approaches.** The City will utilize crime data analysis to identify trends, allocate resources effectively, and implement targeted interventions in areas most affected by violent crime.

SECTION 6. **Public engagement and transparency.** The City will engage residents through town halls, advisory boards, and community forums to ensure community input in shaping public safety policies and strategies.

SECTION 7. **Support for alternative and restorative justice initiatives.** The City will explore and promote alternative and restorative justice programs that reduce recidivism and address the root causes of violent crime.

SECTION 8. **Support for partnerships and funding opportunities.** The City Council supports the City Manager in taking actions to implement this resolution, including establishment of community partnerships and pursuit of additional funding opportunities to deliver community centric public safety initiatives.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor