

## RESOLUTION 2017-05

### RESOLUTION OF THE WARRICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING A PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY AND GRANTING THE WARRICK COUNTY SHERIFF POWERS TO APPOINT SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

**WHEREAS**, the Warrick County Sheriff's Department is charged with the promotion of public safety, the conservation of the peace, the duty to apprehend criminals and the duty to repress, prevent and detect crimes for the safety and well-being of all residents of Warrick County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warrick County Sheriff has notified the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County that the pool of qualified candidates who have applied for employment as deputies of the Warrick County Sheriff's Department has been depleted whereby serious and ongoing manpower shortages could occur in the near future unless immediate action is taken to identify and hire qualified deputies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warrick County Sheriff has requested the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County declare a public safety emergency pursuant to I.C. 36-8-10-6 to allow for the immediate hiring of qualified deputies in order to (a) promote the public safety, (b) conserve the peace, (c) to repress, prevent and detect crime, and (d) to apprehend criminals for the public safety and well-being of the residents of Warrick County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Warrick County Sheriff shall be able to expend already budgeted funds from the Warrick County Sheriff's Department current year budget for the deputy salaries for the individuals so appointed by the Sheriff; and

**WHEREAS**, any deputies appointed by the Warrick County Sheriff pursuant to this emergency resolution will be encouraged to apply through the normal employment process with the Warrick County Sheriff's Department and deputies will be hired through the normal employment process as soon as the emergency has ended as determined by the Warrick County Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, as follows:

- 1) That a public safety emergency exists pursuant to I.C. 36-8-10-6 due to the exhaustion of the pool of qualified candidates for deputies of the Warrick County Sheriff's Department where the Warrick County Sheriff is hereby granted emergency powers to appoint qualified deputy candidates pursuant to statute until the Warrick County Sheriff deems the emergency to end; and
- 2) The powers granted the Warrick County Sheriff is made to promote public safety and conserve the peace; to repress, prevent, and detect crime; and to apprehend criminals; and
- 3) The Board of Commissioners of Warrick County authorize the Warrick County Sheriff to expend already budgeted funds from the Warrick County Sheriff's


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Department current year budget for the deputy salaries for the individuals so appointed by the Sheriff, and authorizes the Sheriff to encourage the deputies so appointed to apply through the normal employment process for probationary employment as soon as the Warrick County Sheriff determines the emergency has ended; and

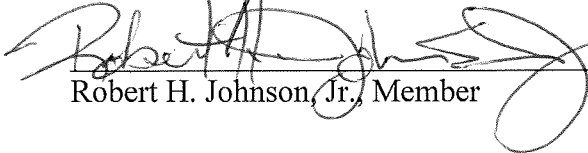
- 4) The Warrick County Sheriff shall immediately report to the Board of Commissioners when the emergency has ended at which time the powers granted in this Resolution shall terminate.

**Passed and adopted by the Warrick County Board of Commissioners this 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2017.**

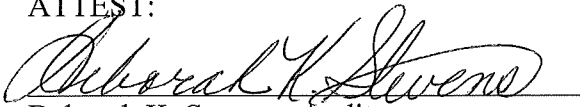
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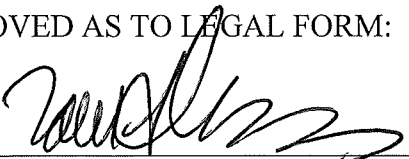
  
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