

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04-020

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Tom Stinnett and Staci Martin

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE BRIDGE ON BIG SPRINGS ROAD OVER GALLAGHER CREEK IN BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE DEPUTY SHERIFF GREG A. MCCOWAN MEMORIAL BRIDGE

- WHEREAS,** Deputy Sheriff Greg A. McCowan was born on September 26, 1980 in Irvine Kentucky to Dallas McCowan and Elizabeth Taulbee; and
- WHEREAS,** Deputy Sheriff Greg A. McCowan was a graduated from Class 021 of the Blount County Sheriff’s Office Regional Training Academy in 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Deputy Sheriff Greg A. McCowan was a certified Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) for the Blount County Sheriffs Office and was also selected to serve on the Sheriff’s Crisis Negotiation Team; and
- WHEREAS,** Deputy Sheriff Greg A. McCowan was a devoted fiancé to girlfriend Leah Lane, devoted father to Cayley McCowan and Cayden McCowan, and devoted grandfather to Ella Underwood; and
- WHEREAS,** In April 2021 Deputy Sheriff Greg A. McCowan received the Sheriff’s Lifesaving Commendation for his part in saving the life of a man trapped in a burning vehicle; and
- WHEREAS,** In February 2024, Deputy Sheriff Greg A. McCowan was recognized as a Reader’s Choice First Responder by the readers of The Daily Times; and
- WHEREAS,** On February 8, 2024, Sheriff Deputy Greg A. McCowan was shot and killed in the line of duty during a traffic stop on Sevierville Road; and
- WHEREAS,** This ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Blount County, Tennessee, should be memorialized; and
- WHEREAS,** A memorial bridge would serve to honor the memory of Sheriff Deputy Greg A. McCowan; and
- WHEREAS,** It would be appropriate to name the bridge on Big Springs Road over Gallagher Creek in Blount County, Tennessee, the *Sheriff Deputy Greg A. McCowan Memorial Bridge*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 18th day of April 2024, that:

1. Henceforth the aforementioned bridge on Big Springs Road over Gallagher Creek in Blount County, Tennessee, shall be named the *Deputy Sheriff Greg A. McCowan Memorial Bridge*; and
2. A Plaque so stating shall be attached to the bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution take effect from and after passage, the Public Welfare requiring it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in general session assembled this 18th day of April, 2024

Duly authorized and approved the 18th of April 2024.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION	ATTEST
<div>Commission Chairman</div> <div>County Mayor</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Approved</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Vetoed</div>	<div>County Clerk</div> <div>Date</div>