

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF**  
**DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-R-11**  
**DEKALB COUNTY CODE 4-1-3-37**  
**AND**  
**DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL RESOLUTION #2022 RCC-1**

**Don Kaufman Memorial**

**WHEREAS**, Don Kaufman has been a true and faithful servant of the citizens of DeKalb County for over fifteen (15) years, serving as a Commissioner, Drainage Board Member, Chairman of the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District Member, and Hamilton District Board Member throughout that time; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Kaufman exhibited his vision and commitment to the care of those less fortunate and in need of housing with his support and leadership of the operation of Sunny Meadows Residential Facility at the County Farm; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Kaufman was a leader for years in the agricultural community in DeKalb County, both during the County's active operation of the County Farm and more recently overseeing the County's leasing of its farm ground; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Kaufman further showed his vision and commitment to the citizens of DeKalb County in his support of the County Airport Development to one of the leading general aviation airports in the State of Indiana, and supporting local economic development with the creation and funding of our local Economic Development Organization, and acting to attract new industry (Family Dollar Distribution Center, Walmart Distribution Center, and many others), expansion of existing industries (Steel Dynamics), and retaining existing industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Kaufman recognized the need to provide services for our citizens in a centralized area of our County Seat, which helped lead to the restoration of our beautiful Courthouse and acquisition and renovation and construction of 220 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street for expanded County offices; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his services for and on behalf of the County, Don Kaufman operated his own farming operation and founded and operated for years his successful Kaufman Well Drilling, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Kaufman exhibited his commitment to education of our youth with his many years of service on the Hamilton School District Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** BY UNANIMOUS JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL THAT DON KAUFMAN BE COMMENDED FOR HIS UNSELFISH COMMITMENT, VISION, AND SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF DEKALB COUNTY OVER A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL CONVEY THEIR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO DON KAUFMAN'S WIFE, JUDITH, HIS FIVE (5) DAUGHTERS AND SON, AND THEIR SPOUSES, AS WELL AS HIS SIXTEEN (16) GRANDCHILDREN.

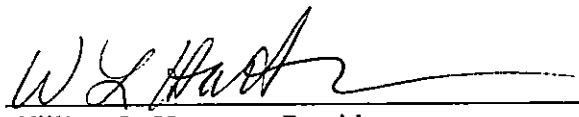
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY DECLARE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, AND SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, AS DAYS OF OFFICIAL MOURNING FOR THEIR DEPARTED FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE AND FURTHER DIRECT THAT THE FLAGS OF OUR COUNTRY, STATE, AND COUNTY BE FLOWN AT HALF-MAST DURING THESE DAYS AS A SIGNAL TO ALL OF OUR RESPECT FOR DON KAUFMAN.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE SPREAD UPON THE PERMANENT MINUTES AND RECORDS OF THE DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL; AND THAT COPIES BE SENT TO THE FAMILY OF DON KAUFMAN NOW THAT HE HAS MET HIS DEMISE AND JOINED HIS LORD AND SAVIOR; AND THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION ALSO BE SENT TO THE SURROUNDING APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL BODIES IN OUR COUNTY, AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

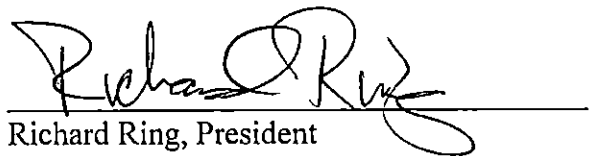
Adopted and Proclaimed this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2022.

DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DEKALB COUNTY COUNCIL



William L. Hartman, President



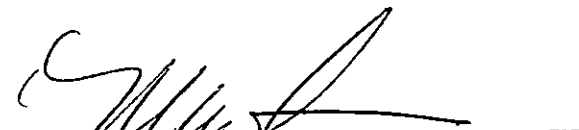
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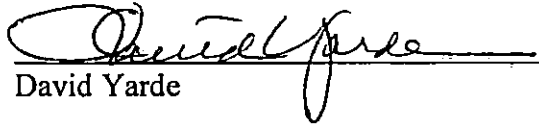


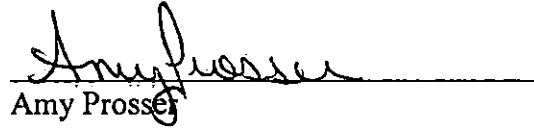
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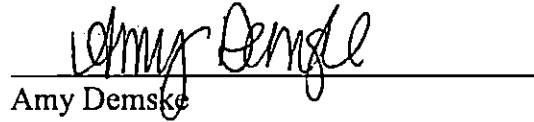


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