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RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Boone County, State of Arkansas: A Resolution to approve and encourage use of the Courthouse Dogs program in Boone County.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pervasive and insidious problem in today's society, and

WHEREAS, witnesses faced with testifying about subjects such as physical, sexual and mental abuse are often traumatized to the point of being less than forthcoming throughout the process of investigation and prosecution; and

WHEREAS, Agencies such as the Prosecutor's Office, the Sheriff's Department and Harrison Police, and the Child Advocacy Alliance are interested in the effective administration of justice, achieved through accurate and consistent testimony, and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have shown that well-handled and trained dogs can provide consistent companionship to victims of abuse, fostering testimony given in more familiar and comfortable circumstances, and

WHEREAS, Courthouse Dogs is an organization whose stated mission is to promote justice with compassion through the use of professionally trained facility dogs to provide emotional support to everyone in the justice system,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, THAT THIS BODY APPROVES AND ENCOURAGES THE USE OF THE COURTHOUSE DOGS PROGRAM TO FACILITATE TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE TESTIMONY IN OUR BOONE COUNTY COURTS.

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