

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, GEORGIA HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DEPUTY WILLIAM "BILL" GARNER

WHEREAS, Sheriff Deputy William "Bill" Garner was tragically killed in the line of duty while serving the Franklin County community on July 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Garner was a beloved husband, son, and father to some very special four-legged children, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Garner began his law enforcement career after attending and graduating the Police Academy in 1998 and served several communities in North Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Garner began his service to the Franklin County community on June 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County honors and respects the law enforcement, first responders, emergency workers, and other public servants who so diligently and selflessly serve to make our community more livable; and

WHEREAS, there is no greater sacrifice an Officer can make for their community than to give his own life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the governing authority and county in which Deputy Garner was serving at the end of his watch pay homage and tribute to his memory, his legacy of service, and his ultimate sacrifice serving his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County expresses profound sympathy to the family, fellow officers, friends, and loved ones of Deputy Garner; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby honors the life and legacy of Sheriff Deputy William "Bill" Garner and hereby pays its highest tribute and respects to the service and sacrifice of Deputy Garner.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby authorizes the Chairman to sign this Resolution and the Clerk to certify it and spread it upon the minutes of Franklin County for posterity and to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the family of Deputy Garner.

**RESOLVED** on this  $3^{rd}$  day of August, 2020.

Attest:

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J. Thomas Bridges, Chairman