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RESOLUTION 2026-32

A Resolution In Memory of Deputy Sheriff Ryan Terpsma
Honoring the Service and Sacrifice of Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Ryan Terpsma

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, MONTANA FINDS:

WHEREAS, Ryan Terpsma served the people of Lincoln County as a Deputy Sheriff with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office May 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of October 30, 2026, Deputy Terpsma, together with an officer of the Eureka Police Department, responded to a disturbance call in Eureka, Montana; and

WHEREAS, in the course of that response Deputy Terpsma was shot and killed in the line of duty, and the Eureka police officer accompanying him was wounded; and

WHEREAS, Merrisa Walker, a member of the community, also lost her life at the scene of that call; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Terpsma was 28 years of age, and in his service, he answered the call to protect his neighbors and gave his life doing so; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Terpsma gave his life in the service of the people of Lincoln County, and no greater sacrifice can be asked of any public servant; and

WHEREAS, the people of Lincoln County, its officers and its employees share in the grief of his family, his friends, and his fellow deputies;

THE BOARD RESOLVES:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the people of Lincoln County, honors the life, service and sacrifice of Deputy Sheriff Ryan Terpsma and records its profound gratitude for his service.
2. That the Board extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Deputy Terpsma, to Sheriff Darren Short and the men and women of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and to the Eureka Police Department.
3. That the Board extends its condolences to the family and friends of Merrisa Walker.
4. That the County will remember Deputy Terpsma and will honor his memory in the years to come.

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5. That a signed copy of this resolution, bearing the seal of the County, be presented to the family of Deputy Terpsma and to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

1. That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.
2. That this resolution be entered into the minutes and signed by the Chair of the Board in accordance with Section 7-5-121, MCA.

END OF RESOLUTION

Approved as to Form:

Marcia Boris, County Attorney

Date presented to the Board November 4, 2026 Approved [X] Disapproved [ ] Amended [ ]

Adopted this 4th day of November 2026.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chair

ATTEST:

Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board