

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE  
COURTHOUSE LOCATED IN THE KINGSPORT/SULLIVAN  
COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER IN HONOR OF JUDGE JOHN S.  
MCLELLAN, III

WHEREAS, The Honorable Judge John S. McLellan III was an influential attorney and judge through his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, a Kingsport native and 1964 graduate of Dobyys – Bennett High School, Judge McLellan began practicing law in Kingsport in 1971; and

WHEREAS, while still in private practice, Judge McLellan served as county attorney for Sullivan County from 1984 to 1994 during which time the partnership between the City of Kingsport and Sullivan County was forged for the original construction of the Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Governor Ned Ray McWherter appointed Judge McLellan to the bench as Judge of Division I of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Circuit Court, where he served the citizens of Sullivan County for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge McLellan was a well respected jurist who served with distinction throughout his career and acknowledged for such by his peers when in 2004 he was elected president of the Tennessee Judicial Conference; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Judge McLellan's decades long service to his profession and the citizens of Sullivan County; the Kingsport Bar Association, various community leaders, and citizens have requested the courthouse located in the Kingsport/Sullivan County Justice Center in honor of Judge John S. McLellan, III; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023, by Resolution No.: 2023-219, the board approved a naming policy for public buildings, infrastructure, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Policy for the Naming of Public Buildings, Infrastructure, and Facilities, the board may consider the Names of local significance, Individuals or organizations that have made significant documented contributions to the city or the community at large, and Individuals from the City of Kingsport who distinguished themselves in lifetime service or career over an extended number of years bringing pride, local, regional, state-wide or national recognition to themselves and the City of Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the factors specified in the naming policy, it is deemed advisable to name the courthouse located in the Kingsport/Sullivan County Justice Center in honor of Judge John S. McLellan, III; and

WHEREAS, it is further deemed advisable and in the best interest of the city for the board to exercise its discretion in considering the naming of the Justice Center outside of the period for consideration set forth in Section IV.) 2.) of the policy.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That based upon the findings set forth above, which are incorporated herein by reference, the board hereby approves naming the courthouse located in the Kingsport/Sullivan County Justice Center in honor of Judge John S. McLellan, III.

SECTION II. That the board finds that the actions authorized by this resolution are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort, and prosperity of the citizens of the city.

SECTION III. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026.

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PAUL W. MONTGOMERY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY