

**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION**

**FOR SGT. SHAWN APPLGATE**

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Shawn Applegate serves as a member of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office Interstate Crime Enforcement Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Applegate stopped a driver for a traffic violation on January 8, 2013 on Interstate 24 where his K-9 partner, Jett, alerted him to the presence of marijuana; and

**WHEREAS**, during his investigation, Sgt. Applegate recovered \$300,000 worth of stolen jewelry and the driver was charged with aggravated robbery; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Applegate testified in the driver's trial in California, resulting in the driver's conviction and a 35 year prison sentence; and

**WHEREAS**, DNA testing in California led to the driver being indicted in July 2014 for a double murder that occurred on Christmas Eve 1998 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Minneapolis Police commended Sgt. Applegate for solving this double murder and we recognize him for his dedication and commitment which made this arrest and conviction possible, as well as an indictment for an unsolved sixteen year old double murder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners that we extend this Resolution of Recognition to Sgt. Shawn Applegate for his service and commitment to excellence as an employee of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office.

