## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03**

March 12, 2024

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted legislation (Act 60 of 2023) amending the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, 53 P.S. § 637, et. seq (commonly referred to as the "Pennsylvania Heart and Lung Act" and hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), effective April 12, 2024, to expand coverage under the Act to "corrections officers or jail guards employed by a participating county and whose principal duty is the care, custody and control of inmates" and "probation officers employed by a participating county," and;

**WHEREAS**, the amended Act defines the term "participating county" to mean "[a] county that elects or bargains to participate in this act by posting a notice on the county's publicly accessible Internet website, which election shall be irrevocable after participation commences." 53 P.S. § 638.1 (*version effective April 12, 2024*), and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County, via this Resolution and its subsequent posting on the County's publicly accessible Internet website, desires to elect *not to* participate in the amended Act and to therefore refrain from expanding coverage under the Act to the County employee groups identified in the amended Act.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** by the authority of the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County that the County elects *not to* participate in Act 60 of 2023, which, effective April 12, 2024, amends the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, 53 P.S. § 637, *et. seq*, and elects to therefore refrain from expanding coverage under the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law, 53 P.S. § 637, *et. seq*, as amended effective April 12, 2024, to corrections officers or jail guards employed by the County whose principal duty is the care, custody and control of inmates and to probation officers employed by the County.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,** that this Resolution shall, as soon as practicable following its passage, be posted on the County's publicly accessible Internet website, pursuant to the requirements of Act 60 of 2023.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be effective upon passage and approval of same.

Duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County held March 12, 2024.

## **CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, being the Chief Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular and lawful meeting of said Board held March 12, 2024, as the same appears on the minutes of said Board in its Minute Book Volume.

WITNESS my hand this day of March 12, 2024.

Karen Lupone, Chief Clerk

(SEAL OF JEFFERSON COUNTY)