

Proclamation for Jojo Jones

Whereas, all puppies in this world should have a safe environment and loving family to care for them; and

Whereas, this is not always the case with puppies exposed to devastating living conditions and abandonment; and

Whereas, in 2010 Missouri Department of Corrections Director George Lombardi initiated and presented to the Missouri Corrections Administrative Staff a program named “Puppies for Parole”; and

Whereas, the Program was approved and a partnership was formed with the Missouri Department of Corrections and the City of Cameron, Missouri for CRCC to train puppies for adoption; and

Whereas, Crossroads Correctional Center’s Program ~ “New Leash on Life” started in June 2010; and

Whereas, the “New Leash on Life” proves to be a three way street improving the lives of the puppies, the trainers and the adopters; and

Whereas, the adoptee puppies have been and will continue to be productive partners/pals/companions to the various individuals with many and varied needs who have adopted them; and

Whereas, CRCC currently has 34 handlers and 14 dogs, in the Program; and

Whereas, since the inception of the Missouri Puppies for Parole program 290 dogs have been adopted into new homes/new lives, 27 of which were Therapy/Special needs dogs, from Crossroads Correctional Center; and

Whereas, City of Cameron Animal Control Officer Kathy Turner has worked closely with the Program and has been instrumental in procuring supplies and sending puppies to serve the program; and

Whereas, the 4000th adoption in the Missouri Puppies for Parole Program is *JoJo*, a pit bull mix, who has the good fortune and honor of being adopted into the family of Stephen and Jessica Jones.

Now, Therefore I, Jerri Ann Eddins, Mayor of the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri do hereby proclaim August 30, 2016 as “*Jojo Jones Adoption Day*” in the City of Cameron and call upon all citizens to be proactive and participate in the efforts to find permanent homes for wayward dogs: and, to thank Warden Ronda J. Pash, P4P Coordinator Ben Brooke, Co-coordinator Dana Hughes and Deputy Division Director Cyndi Prudden for their efforts with the Puppies for Parole Program.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Cameron, Missouri, to be affixed this 30th day of August 2016.

Attest:

Mayor Jerri Ann Eddins

City Clerk/Finance Clerk