

## **RESOLUTION APPOINTING KATIE STANGE AS SAC COUNTY SHERIFF**

Sac County Board of Supervisors Resolution #25-0930B

A resolution by Sac County to appoint Katie Stange as Sac County Sheriff to fill the vacancy in the office of Sac County Sheriff created by the resignation of Sheriff Ken McClure.

WHEREAS, a vacancy existed in the office of Sac County Sheriff effective September 2, 2025, due to the resignation of Sheriff Jonathan Meyer; and

WHEREAS, the office of Sac County Sheriff is an elective county office pursuant to Iowa Code § 39.17(1) and Iowa Code § 331.651(1), with a four-year term, and under Iowa Code § 69.2(1)(d), a vacancy in a civil office occurs upon the resignation of the elected county officer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.8(3), vacancies in county offices shall be filled by the board of supervisors, unless an election is called as provided in Iowa Code § 69.14A; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code § 69.14A(2) governs the filling of vacancies in offices listed in Iowa Code § 39.17, including the office of sheriff, and provides that such vacancies shall be filled by one of two procedures: appointment by the board of supervisors or special election; and

WHEREAS, under Iowa Code § 69.14A(2)(a), if the board of supervisors chooses to proceed by appointment, the appointment shall be for the period until the next general election and shall be made within forty days after the vacancy occurs, which in this case is by October 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, at the September 9, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board chose to proceed to fill the vacancy of the Sac County Sheriff by appointment; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors published notice in the manner prescribed by Iowa Code § 331.305 stating that the board intends to fill the vacancy by appointment but that the electors of the county have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election, and no such petition meeting the requirements of Iowa Code § 331.306 was filed with the county auditor within fourteen days after publication of the notice; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Katie Stange, who had been exercising the powers and duties of the office as the First Deputy Sheriff pursuant to Iowa Code § 331.651(1) since the vacancy arose, was qualified to serve as Sac County Sheriff, has resided in Sac County for sixty days

prior to appointment as required by Iowa Code § 69.14A(2)(a)(1), and met all other legal requirements for the office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.10, any appointment must be in writing and filed in the office where the oath of office is required to be filed, and under Iowa Code § 69.11, an appointee filling a vacancy in an elective office shall continue to hold until the next election at which such vacancy can be filled, as provided in Iowa Code § 69.12, and until a successor is elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the next general election is scheduled for November 3, 2026, and the appointment of Katie Stange will serve the public interest by ensuring continuity in law enforcement services for Sac County; and

WHEREAS, following the board's vote appointing Katie Stange as Sac County Sheriff, she took the oath of office on September 23, 2025, in accordance with Iowa Code § 331.651(3) and Iowa Code § 63.10, thereby qualifying her to assume the duties of the office immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Sac County hereby appoints (in writing) Katie Stange as Sac County Sheriff to fill the vacancy in the office of Sac County Sheriff, effective immediately, for the period until the next general election on November 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Katie Stange shall give bond as required under Iowa Code § 64.8, and that this appointment shall be filed as required by Iowa Code § 69.10.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, because under Iowa Code § 69.10, any appointment must be in writing and filed in the office where the oath of office is required to be filed, and under Iowa Code § 69.11, this resolution, which is being made to satisfy the requirements above, shall take effect retroactively to begin on September 23, 2025.

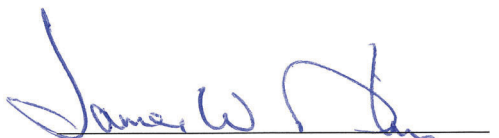
HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Sac County on this 30th day of September, 2025.

ADOPTED THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

  
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Ranell Drake, Chairperson

  
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James Wissler, Board Member

  
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Mike Fischer, Board Member

ATTEST:   
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James Dowling, County Auditor