

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Greg Merchant, and it is my privilege to endorse my good friend, Doug Bedford in his endeavor to become our next Sheriff of Johnson County Kansas.

A little background... I have in excess of 30 years history in law enforcement and have known Doug for as many years. I was already working for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office when Doug signed on and I found it remarkable that he always made an effort to work inside every division of the Sheriff's Department. This helped Doug to develop a foundation that allowed him to become familiar with every facet of the operation and to employ the skills necessary to lead a Sheriff's Office of our magnitude into the future. Doug has always exhibited the highest level of integrity and since I had a firsthand opportunity to work under his leadership, I can say with confidence that Doug is ready to tackle the challenges that await our next Sheriff.

Just as importantly, he also possesses the managerial and people skills required to be an effective team leader, not only for the Department, but also as a friend and advocate to the Johnson County community as whole.

I am proud to endorse Doug Bedford to be the next Sheriff for all of Johnson County, Kansas.

Best regards,

Greg S. Merchant

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