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From: Mark Kauber

Subj: LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR MR. DOUG BEDFORD FOR JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS SHERIFF

I am writing this letter on behalf of my confidence and endorsement in Mr. Doug Bedford being elected as the next Johnson County, Kansas Sheriff.

Having served 23 years in the US Navy SEAL Teams to include the Leading Senior Chief in the SEAL Team THREE Training Department, and Command Master Chief of SEAL Team THREE, I have observed the many qualities an individual needs to become a successful leader. I've known Doug since 1992 when he was fairly new to the SEAL Teams and firmly believe he has the leadership, dedication and character to keep Johnson County, Kansas safe by becoming the next Johnson County Sheriff.

Early on in Mr. Bedford's career in the U.S. Navy SEAL Teams, his leadership ability has been a dominant feature. Although a junior in rank in the early 1990's while we were conducting high risk evolutions such as close quarter battle, small unit tactics, surveillance and counter surveillance tactics, advanced demolition and explosive breaching techniques, sniper operations, closed circuit diving operations, and High Altitude Low Opening (HALO)/High Altitude High Opening (HAHO) parachute operations, Doug never hesitated to take charge of an evolution. That is when I recognized his potential of becoming a great leader as evidenced by his well earned respect from the leadership and his peers at SEAL Team THREE.

I can tell you with no uncertain reservations that Mr. Doug Bedford is the type of man that Johnson County, Kansas needs as their next Sheriff.

Respectfully,
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