

**CITY OF COLERAINE**

**RESOLUTION 2020.11.09 – PAROLE OPPOSITION**

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PAROLE OF AUDIE LYNN FOX**

**WHEREAS**, on October 29, 1981 Robert “Beefy” Lawson while acting in an official capacity as an Itasca County Deputy Sheriff was heinously murdered by Audie Fox; and

**WHEREAS**, Audie Lynn Fox was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison for the death of Itasca County Deputy Sheriff Lawson and is currently being considered for parole; and

**WHEREAS**, the family of Deputy Sheriff Lawson do not feel that Audie Lynn Fox should be paroled back into society and has worked diligently to see that Audie Lynn Fox remains incarcerated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coleraine City Council supports the desires of the Lawson family and feels that the release of Audie Lynn Fox would create an extreme safety risk for our city and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this date of November 9, 2020, that the Coleraine City Council wishes to go on record in opposition to the parole of Audie Lynn Fox and recommends his continued incarceration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Coleraine Mayor and Councilmembers wish the attached letter be sent to Lindsay Gullingsurd of the Minnesota Department of Corrections to state their concern.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Coleraine Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to sign.

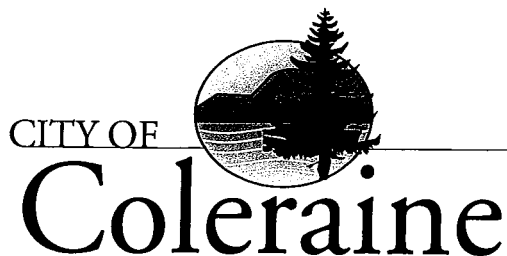
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Daniel Mandich, Mayor

Attest:

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Briana Anderson, City Clerk-Treasurer



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November 9, 2020

Lindsay Gullingsurd  
Minnesota Department of Corrections  
Life Sentence Review Advocacy  
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200  
St. Paul, MN 55108

Re: Life Sentence Review  
Offender Audie Fox OID #103592

Dear Ms. Gullingsurd:

On October 29, 1981, Audie Lynn Fox heinously murdered Deputy Robert "Beefy" Lawson while Lawson was acting in his official capacity. Fox forced Lawson to the ground, had him stripped of his revolver, threatened to blow his f'ing head off; and then, at the count of three, Fox pulled the trigger shooting Lawson in the back of the head. Fox performed these acts as two children sat at the kitchen table watching.

On January 12, 2021, Deputy Robert "Beefy" Lawsons' family will, once again, have to relive the tremendously painful events of the senseless murder of Deputy Lawson. Fox's violet actions not only took Beefy's life, but changed the lives of his family, friends, and community members forever.

Because of Audie Lynn Fox's complete disregard for human life and lack of conscience and remorse, justice demands that this convicted murder be denied parole. Audie Lynn Fox made a personal choice to kill an innocent man and he must continue to accept the consequences of his actions. He must remain in prison so that he can never again harm another innocent human being.

We, the council members of the City of Coleraine, adamantly oppose the parole of convicted murderer Audie Lynn Fox.

Sincerely,

Mayor Daniel Mandich

Councilperson Ryan Stish

Councilperson Jeff Troumbly

Councilperson Joseph Pollard

Councilperson Thomas Sutherland

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