

## Police Week and Peace Officer Memorial Day – 2026

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 750,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving at local, county, state, tribal and federal levels across the United States, including the current 115 dedicated sworn members of the Napa County Sheriff's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded line-of-duty death in 1786, more than 24,500 law enforcement officers nationwide have made the ultimate sacrifice, including Napa County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy James Healy, who gave his life in the line of duty on May 25, 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as **National Peace Officers Memorial Day** and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as **National Police Week**. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, **National Police Week** pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2025, 111 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty across the United States, including 14 in the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, each loss is deeply felt by families, colleagues, and communities, and stands as a solemn reminder of the risks borne daily by those who serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Napa County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard represents our community with dignity at memorial services across the state, standing in quiet tribute with the families of the fallen; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that all members of the community recognize the responsibility, courage, and sacrifice inherent in law enforcement service, and the role these men and women play in safeguarding life, liberty, and property in Napa County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of **May 2026**, does hereby recognize **May 10-16, 2026** as **Police Week**, and **May 15, 2026** as **Peace Officer Memorial Day**, in Napa County. We call upon all members of our community to honor the memory of those who have fallen, to support the loved ones they leave behind, and to express our enduring gratitude to the men and women of law enforcement, past and present, whose service, sacrifice, and steadfast commitment help preserve the safety, rights, and freedoms we share.

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