

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Police Week and Peace Officer Memorial Day – 2025

WHEREAS, there are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the current dedicated members of the Napa County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded line-of-duty death in 1786, more than 24,000 law enforcement officers across the United States 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, President 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**; and

WHEREAS, **National Police Week** pays special recognition to all law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP.org), an organization dedicated to honoring the lives and sacrifices of America's fallen law enforcement officers, in 2024, 165 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty across the United States, four of which, were in the State of California, and thus far in 2025, there have been 22 line of duty deaths in the United States, three of which occurred in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, our local Sheriff's Deputies, their families, and the members and families of all local law enforcement agencies mourn any loss of life, however, line of duty deaths are a somber reminder of the dangers of the profession; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard attends memorial services and funerals around the state to represent our community and show support for families of fallen peace officers; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all members of the community to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, dangers, and sacrifices made by peace officers in safeguarding life and property in Napa County for residents and visitors alike; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 6th day of May 2025, does hereby recognize May 11-17, 2025 as **Police Week**, and May 15, 2025 as **Peace Officer Memorial Day**, in Napa County. We call upon all members of the community to join us in honoring and extending gratitude to law enforcement officers, past and present, for their loyal service and devotion to their responsibilities, and their invaluable contributions toward preserving the rights, security, and freedoms of all members of this community in the face of ever-changing challenges.

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