

# Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

## Police Week – May 14-20, 2023

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the current dedicated members of the Napa Sheriff's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded line of duty death in 1786, over 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including the line of duty death of Napa County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy James Healy on May 25, 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President 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 those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, 245 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty across the United States, eight of which, were in the State of California, and thus far in 2023, there have been 37 line of duty deaths in the United States, two of which, 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 to show support for the families of fallen 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, does hereby recognize **May 14-20, 2023 as Police Week 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 even in the face of ever-changing challenges.

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