

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK & PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY
May 12-18, 2019

Resolution No. R-19-0041

WHEREAS, in 1963 the Congress of the United States and President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

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

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including Deputy William Johnson, Sgt. Franklin Furrer and Deputy Craig Dodge of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office;

WHEREAS, the members of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their law enforcement agencies, and that members of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office of Lancaster County has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners calls upon all citizens of Lancaster County and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners encourage all citizens of Lancaster County to observe Wednesday, May 15, 2019, as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives in the performance of duty and fly their flags at half-staff.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hand this 14th day of May 2019

Jennifer Brinkman, Chair

Roma Amundson, Vice Chair

Rick Vest

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