

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF A  
PROCLAMATION IN HONOR  
AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPUTY MIKE  
ESTES

RESOLUTION NO. **17-037**

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2007, Walla Walla County Sheriff's Deputy Michael "Mike" Estes was responding to an unknown emergency situation resulting from a 911 hang-up call when he was involved in a collision at the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 124; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Estes remained in Kadlec Medical Center, where his fellow deputies from Walla Walla and surrounding counties kept vigil over him 24 hours a day until he succumbed to his injuries, aka "end of watch", eight days later on February 14, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Walla Walla County, through then-County Sheriff Mike Humphreys and this Board, honored Deputy Estes at the time of his death via flag lowerings and other tributes; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Estes is the only county law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty, and annually Walla Walla County recognizes his loss in May as part of National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, an ultimately successful effort was mounted by several elected officials, governmental agencies, and citizens to have the overpass at U. S. Highway 12 and State Route 124 renamed in honor of Deputy Estes; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff John Turner, the Walla Walla County Commissioners, county law enforcement personnel, and representatives of local and state law enforcement wish to join with his family to honor the memory of Deputy Estes by holding a tenth anniversary remembrance ceremony on February 27, 2017; now therefore

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and honor Deputy Estes; now therefore


BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do hereby issue a proclamation this date in tribute to Walla Walla County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Estes.

"Passed this 27th day of February, 2017 by Board members as follows: 3 Present or 0 Participating via other means, and by the following vote: 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained 0 Absent."

Attest:

  
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Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

  
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James L. Duncan, Chairman, District 3

  
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James K. Johnson, Commissioner, District 1

  
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Todd L. Kimball, Commissioner, District 2

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
of Walla Walla County, Washington

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Michael Estes began work as a Walla Walla County Sheriff's Deputy on July 15, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Estes had been assigned as the resident deputy in the Burbank area, and was living there; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2007, Deputy Estes was responding to an unknown emergency situation resulting from a 911 hang-up call when he was involved in a collision at the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 124; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff John Turner, the Walla Walla County Commissioners, county law enforcement personnel, and representatives of local and state law enforcement wish to join with the Estes family to honor the memory of Deputy Estes by holding a tenth anniversary remembrance ceremony on February 27, 2017; now therefore

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize and honor Deputy Estes; now therefore

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do hereby issue a proclamation this date in tribute to the late

## WALLA WALLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY MIKE ESTES

and encourage all citizens to remember Deputy Estes and those in the field of law enforcement and public service who put others above themselves to serve and protect us.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2017, at Walla Walla County, Washington.



Attest:

*Connie R. Vinti*  
Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

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