

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF
PROCLAIMING MAY 14-20, 2017
AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK,
AND MAY 15, 2017 AS PEACE
OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

RESOLUTION NO. **17 133**

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, or May 14-20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, 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, it is fitting to honor the services of those dedicated law enforcement officers, and to also honor the sacrifices of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Mike Estes, a Walla Walla County Sheriff's Deputy, lost his life as a result of injuries sustained while on duty on February 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff and employees of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's office play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all citizens, and those men and women unceasingly provide vital public services; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and honor our law enforcement agency representatives, and important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the local law enforcement agency representatives as they serve and protect the citizens of our county; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they shall join in remembering Deputy Estes and honoring all fallen heroes, and shall sign a proclamation recognizing **National Police Week as May 14-20, 2017 and Peace Officers' Memorial Day on May 15, 2017.**

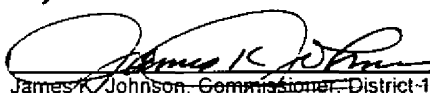
"Passed this 8th day of May, 2017 by Board members as follows: 3 Present or 0 Participating via other means, and by the following vote: 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained 0 Absent."

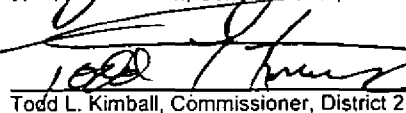
Attest:



Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board


James L. Duncan, Chairman, District 3


James K. Johnson, Commissioner, District 1


Todd L. Kimball, Commissioner, District 2

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

PROCLAMATION

TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY 2017

WHEREAS, from the beginning of this Nation, law enforcement officers have played an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms which are guaranteed by the Constitution and in protecting the lives and property of our citizens; 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, or May 14-20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week allows Americans an opportunity to salute the men and women who do the difficult, dangerous, and often thankless work of safeguarding our communities, and during Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we have an opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our citizens and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, members of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's office play an essential role protecting lives and properties, and it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of local law enforcement agencies that provides such a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's office, and it is fitting and proper that we express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of those men and women, and for their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, we call upon all citizens of Walla Walla County to publicly honor and to salute the services of law enforcement officers, and observe the week of May 14-20, 2017, as Police Week and to honor the service of all law enforcement officers and to acknowledge the sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, we further call upon all citizens of Walla Walla County to observe May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, with federal law (P.L. 103-322) directing that all flags be flown at half-staff on that date in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds while protecting our communities, have been killed or disabled in the performance of duty; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do hereby proclaim

**MAY 14-20, 2017 as NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
and
MAY 15, 2017 as PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

in Walla Walla County and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our County and across the nation and encourage all citizens to join in recognizing this day and week, while remembering Walla Walla County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Estes and honoring all fallen heroes killed in the line of duty throughout our Nation.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2017, at Walla Walla County, Washington.



Attest:

Connie R. Vinti

Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

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