



Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff

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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Proclamation of May 15, 2021, as
Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Clackamas County

Purpose/Outcomes	Recognize the peace officers who put their lives on the line daily to protect others and property in Clackamas County.
Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact
Contact Person	Angela Brandenburg, Clackamas County Sheriff, 503-785-5022

BACKGROUND:

In 1962 President John F. Kenney signed a federal proclamation designating May 15th as Peace Officer's Memorial Day. Still recognized today by Congress and the President of the United States every year, the federal government honors the sacrifices peace officers make every day.

Approximately 900,000 peace officers serve across the United States, including the dedicated men and women of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Canby Police Department, Gladstone Police Department, Happy Valley Police, Lake Oswego Police Department, Milwaukie Police Department, Molalla Police Department, Oregon City Police Department, Sandy Police Department, West Linn Police Department and Wilsonville Police.

Nearly 60,000 peace officers report being assaulted each year, and approximately 16,000 of those result in injury. In 2020, 264 peace officers across the United States died in the line of duty. Historically, Oregon has lost 189 peace officers in the line of duty, seven of those being in Clackamas County. The sacrifice of these officers, and their families, should never be forgotten.

RECOMMENDATION:

Clackamas County Sheriff's Office recommends the Board approve the attached proclamation recognizing and honoring the important work and sacrifices that peace officers make to protect the lives, wellbeing and properties of those they serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brandenburg,
Sheriff



Proclaiming May 15, 2021 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Clackamas County

Whereas, peace officers from federal, state, military, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies serve their communities daily by safeguarding life and property, protecting vulnerable people, maintaining peace and order, assisting community members in distress, and numerous other responsibilities; and

Whereas, approximately 900,000 peace officers serve in communities across the United States, including the dedicated employees of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Canby Police Department, Gladstone Police Department, Happy Valley Police, Lake Oswego Police Department, Milwaukie Police Department, Molalla Police Department, Oregon City Police Department, Sandy Police Department, West Linn Police Department and Wilsonville Police; and

Whereas, peace officers put their lives on the line daily to protect lives and property in the communities they serve, with nearly 60,000 assaults against peace officers reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries, and 264 peace officers across the United States dying in the line of duty in 2020; and

Whereas, peace officers in Clackamas County are committed to building partnerships with residents and business owners to collaboratively solve local concerns, maintain community trust, and proactively address livability and public safety issues such as drug and human trafficking, child abuse and neglect, violent crime, property crimes; and

Whereas, Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

Now, therefore, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners does hereby Proclaim May 15, 2021 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in Clackamas County and encourages residents to recognize the dedication and daily sacrifice of law enforcement personnel.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2021

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