

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING MAY 15, 2024, AS NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND MAY 12-18, 2024, AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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, the annual tribute to law enforcement services and sacrifices; and,

WHEREAS, there are over 18,000 Federal, State and Local law enforcement agencies around the United States, and an estimated 800,000 sworn officers; and if non-sworn personnel who work and support those officers are counted, there are over 1,000,000 individuals working to serve and protect the people of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, since 1776, more than 26,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty, including 8 members of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and 2 members of the California Highway Patrol in Mendocino County since 1863; and,

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms which are guaranteed by the Constitution and in protecting the lives and property of citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of law enforcement officers and for the contributions they have made to the security and well-being of all people; and that we remember those officers lost and honor their memory; and,

WHEREAS, it is with great appreciation and admiration for a most difficult job, one that often puts the lives of law enforcement officers in danger and requires great personal sacrifices in order to promote and maintain public safety for all, that National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week is recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims May 15, 2024, as "National Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 12-18, 2024, as: "National Police Week".

Dated:

Maureen Mulheren, Chair