



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: Sheriff-Coroner

Meeting Date: May 7, 2024

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Proclamation Recognizing May 15, 2024, as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and the Week of May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt proclamation recognizing May 15, 2024, as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week of May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The 2023 proclamation for National Peace Officer Memorial Day and National Police Week was adopted by the Board on May 9, 2023.

Summary of Request:

Since 1962, when President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officer Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week, the nation has celebrated its police officers.

This group of dedicated men, women, and K9s provide public safety in every locale of the nation and United States territories, upholding the law of the land, helping communities in times of disaster and unfathomable tragedies, and serving all who reside in and visit their districts.

In 2023, 135 police officers lost their lives in the line of duty. This is a decrease of 49% from the 2022 statistics, but any life lost is too much. Of the 2023 deaths, 63% were felonious incidents. Sadly, this reminds all of us that public safety is a very dangerous job and can come at a steep price. As of December 2023, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, is engraved with more than 24,000 names of officers killed in the line of duty.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has experienced eight losses since 1863: Sheriff William H. Tainter in 1863, Sheriff John H. Smith in 1905, Constable Thomas Sharp Lynch in 1909, Point Arena Marshal John F. Dixon in 1915, Deputy William A. White in 1950, Deputy George R. (Bob) Davis in 1995, K9 Morgan in 2012, and Deputy Ricky Paul Del Fiorentino in 2014. In addition, Mendocino County has experienced the loss of two California Highway Patrol officers: Officer Paul C. Jarske in 1981 and Officer Thomas Adams in 2011.

On September 8, 2023, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office dedicated a Fallen Peace Officer Memorial that honors the service and remembers the sacrifice of the individuals listed above, and is engraved with their names.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternate handling.

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe): N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: N/A

CEO Liaison: Cherie Johnson, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: **Adopted**

Date: May 7, 2024

