



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Sheriff-Coroner

**Meeting Date:** May 9, 2023

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Adoption of Proclamation Recognizing May 15, 2023 as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and the Week of May 14-20, 2023 as National Police Week

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt proclamation recognizing May 15, 2023 as National Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week of May 14-20, 2023 as National Police Week; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

The 2022 proclamation for National Peace Officer Memorial Day and National Police Week was adopted by the Board on May 3, 2022.

**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 K9's provide public safety in every locale of the nation and U.S. territories, upholding the law of the land, helping communities in times of disaster and unfathomable tragedies, serving all who reside in and visit their districts.

In 2022, 245 police officers lost their lives. This is a decrease of 65% from the 2021 statistics, but any life lost is too much. The deaths were almost evenly split between gunfire and automobile accidents with the rest from medical or other circumstances. Sadly, this reminds all of us that public safety is a dangerous job and can come at a very steep price. As of December 2022, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington is inscribed with more than 23,000 names of officers killed in the line of duty dating to the first known death in 1786.

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office alone 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.

The National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week is a time for all of us to consider and appreciate the contributions to our public safety that all officers everywhere dedicate themselves to providing.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternate handling.

**Does This Item Support the General Plan?** N/A

**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

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budget clarification:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** N/A

**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** N/A

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** N/A

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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**Executed By:** Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

**Date:** May 9, 2023

**Final Status:** Adopted

