



## Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Santa Rosa Police Department who knowingly and willingly face the potential of injury, disability or death for their bravery; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, peace officers face the threat of violence and danger by putting their lives on the line to defend the lives of those in the communities they serve. There are 50,000 to 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers reported each year resulting in an estimated 14,000 injuries. 163 police officers lost their lives in 2018. Between 2009 - 2019, 1,656 officers died in the line of duty. 165 officers were shot and killed between 2016 and 2018. To date this year, 35 officers have been killed while serving their communities. 15 of those deaths have been firearms-related; and

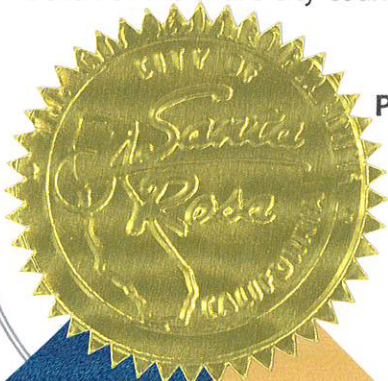
**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa Peace Officers recognize that the primary responsibility of their profession is the protection of the people within the jurisdiction of the United States through upholding laws, most important of which are the Constitution of the United States and State Constitution and the laws derived therefrom; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agencies; and that members of our law enforcement agencies recognize their mission to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that peace officers and community members recognize and understand the importance of Community Oriented Policing to build partnerships with citizens of Santa Rosa to collaboratively problem-solve local concerns, maintain trust of the community, and proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2019 and May 13 - 19, 2019 as

**POLICE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK**



Mayor Tom Schwedhelm  
May 7, 2019