



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States 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; and

WHEREAS, Everyday 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. Nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries. 129 police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2015, and a total of 855 officers have died in the line of duty between 2010-2015; an average of one death every 61 minutes. Police officers knowingly and willingly face the potential of injury, disability or death for their bravery; 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 duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence and disorder, and 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 the citizens of Santa Rosa in order to collaboratively problem-solve local concerns, maintain trust of the community, and proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, extend our gratitude and pride to the women and men of the Santa Rosa Police Department for their dedication to the community, and proclaim

MAY 15, 2016 AS PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY

AND

THE WEEK OF MAY 15-21, 2016 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



Mayor John Sawyer
May 17, 2016