



## *Proclamation*

**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. The Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Everyday, peace officers face the threat of violence and danger by putting their lives on the line to defend the lives of the communities they serve. Nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in an estimated 14,000 injuries, and 129 police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2017. Police officers knowingly and willingly face the potential of injury, disability, or death for their bravery; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa peace officers recognize that the primary responsibility of their profession and of individual officers is the protection of the people within the jurisdiction of the United States through upholding of their laws, the most important of which are the Constitution of the United States and State Constitution and law 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, and fear of crime.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2018 as

### **PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY**

and May 13-19, 2018, as POLICE WEEK, and our gratitude and pride is extended to the women and men of the Santa Rosa Police Department for their commitment and dedication to the community.



  
Mayor Chris Coursey  
May 8, 2018