



City of  
Santa Rosa  
*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.

**WHEREAS**, every day, 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 reported each year, resulting in approximately 17,000 injuries, and 146 police officers died in the line of duty in 2019. 1726 officers have died in the line of duty over the past decade. Police officers knowingly and willingly face the potential of injury, disability or death for their bravery; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020, Santa Rosa Police Detective Marylou Armer died for complications associated with COVID-19. Detective Armer was a 20-year veteran of SRPD and dedicated her career to advocating and fighting for victims; 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 there from; 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, 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 in order to build partnerships with 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 such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

**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 extend gratitude and pride to the women and men of the Santa Rosa Police Department for their dedication to the community and proclaim May 15, 2020 and May 10-16, 2020 as

**PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY and POLICE WEEK**



Mayor Tom Schwedhelm

May 5, 2020

