

RECOGNIZING

# PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President Kennedy declared May 15 to be Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Peace Officers Memorial Day pays tribute to local, state and federal law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice or been injured in the line of duty. The observance takes place during Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers are the first line of defense against crime, and law enforcement officers throughout Lewis County conduct themselves in a manner that supports, maintains and defends the constitutions of the state of Washington and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the law enforcement profession has become increasingly more complex, posing greater challenges and requiring officers to serve additional hours above and beyond their regular duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection of our citizens and the fight against crime is a 24-hour endeavor, exposing our law enforcement professionals to serious danger and placing their lives in jeopardy; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers risk their lives to save the lives of others, and more than 300 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty since 1889 in Washington state alone.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners proclaims May 15, 2021, to be Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 9-15, 2021, to be National Police Week and urges all people to join in this special observance.

**DONE IN OPEN SESSION** this 11th day of May 2021.

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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