

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officer 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 Kalama Police Department;

WHEREAS, some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, 126 names are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, 126 killed in 2014 (including 1 in Washington State)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council Members of Kalama, WA formally designate May 10-16, 2015, as Police Week in Kalama and publically salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and the communities across the nation. We further direct that pursuant to Public Law 103-322 that all flags be flown at half-staff on Friday May 15, 2015, Peace Officer's Memorial Day, in honor of the fallen officers and their families.

Pete Poulsen, Mayor