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**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST**

Date: 05.05.2016

Weekly Agenda Date: \_05.10.2016

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: SHERIFF DAVE DREW

SUBJECT: WOODBURY COUNTY PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WEEK

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:** WOODBURY COUNTY PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL WEEK

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, D.C. to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service is one in a series of events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** NONE

**RECOMMENDATION:** READING

**ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:** APPROVAL

*Approved by Board of Supervisors March 3, 2015. Revised May 5, 2015.*

## WOODBURY COUNTY POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION MAY 15-21, 2016

To recognize National Police Week 2016 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office;

WHEREAS, nearly 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 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including eleven law enforcement members in Woodbury County, IA; to wit: Special Agent Kevin J. Kramer, 1996; Capt. Phillip A. Heimbecker, 1993; Cpl. Jon E. Hermann, 1993; Patrolman Warren T. Hodgins, 1973; Capt. Joseph P. Davidchik 1968; Matron Mary Eileen Heilman, 1959; County Attorney James R. Brodie, 1959; Chief Deputy Jimmie Biggs, 1959; Patrolman Sylvan E. Dykstra, 1953; Deputy Lewis R. Jones, 1921; Chief Detective James G. Britton, 1919;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Sioux City, IA.

WHEREAS, 124 new names of fallen heroes from 2015 are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2016, in Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 15-21;

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors, formally designates May 15-21, 2016, as Police Week in Woodbury County, IA, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.