

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE:

May 13, 2025

CATEGORY:

Regular Calendar 2

SUBJECT:

Adopt a proclamation which designates May 15, 2025, as “*Peace Officers’ Memorial Day*” in Shasta County, and direct the Courthouse flag be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2025 (Sponsored by Supervisor Long).

DEPARTMENT:

Sheriff

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:

All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Toni Schlapia, Interim Executive Assistant, (530) 245-6000

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:

Michael L. Johnson, Sheriff-Coroner

Vote Required?

Simple Majority Vote

General Fund Impact?

No Additional General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a proclamation which designates May 15, 2025, as “*Peace Officers’ Memorial Day*” in Shasta County, and direct the Courthouse flag be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2025.

DISCUSSION

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as National Peace Officers’ Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week.

The State of California recognizes Peace Officers’ Memorial Day during the first part of May. In Sacramento, a Candlelight Vigil will be held on Sunday May 4, 2025, and an Enrollment Ceremony on Monday May 5, 2025.

In Shasta County, Peace Officers’ Memorial Day will be recognized on Thursday, May 15, 2025. A Peace Officers Memorial/Baton Run will begin at 10:00 a.m. that morning. It will conclude at the memorial ceremony when the baton arrives at 12:00 noon. A hosted luncheon will follow the memorial event for all the family and friends of law enforcement in Shasta County.

Peace Officers’ Memorial Day is set aside to honor peace officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty and to provide support to the family members left behind. Law enforcement officers will participate by wearing black ribbons over their badges.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to make the proclamation and/or not to participate in Peace Officers’ Memorial Day.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Other local and state law enforcement agencies are expected to observe this special day of recognition for officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and will participate with Shasta County Sheriff’s Office personnel in the local ceremonies on May 15, 2025. The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs associated with the observation will be minimal and within existing budget appropriations. It is also expected that donations will be received from local organizations and businesses to offset a portion of the costs. Costs associated with preparing proclamations are included in the Clerk of the Board Budget (BU 103) for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: Proclamation