

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Federal, State, local, and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity; and,

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence; and,

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed Public Law 87–726 (36 U.S.C. 136) (referred to in this preamble as the “Joint Resolution”), which authorizes the President to proclaim May 15 of every year as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” in honor of the Federal, State, and local officers who have been killed, disabled, or otherwise injured in the line of duty; and,

WHEREAS, the Joint Resolution also authorizes the President to designate the week in which Peace Officers Memorial Day falls as “National Police Week”; and,

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated on October 15, 1991, is the national monument to honor those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and,

WHEREAS, Peace Officers Memorial Day, 2022, honors the 614 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, including Missouri officers Detective Antonio Valentine, Sr. of the St. Louis County Police Department and Officer Blaize Madrid-Evans of the Independence Police Department, along with eight other officers who died from complications of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Baird, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15, 2022 as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in recognition and support of law enforcement personnel and the essential mission and service they provide to their communities and in solemn appreciation to law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, this 10th day of May 2022.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD