



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4th, 2020

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Ramón Valadez, County Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: Agenda Item

Please add the following item on the May 19th, 2020 agenda:

Proclamation declaring the week of May 10th through May 16th, 2020, to be National Police Week and May 15th to be Peace Officers' Memorial Day in Pima County to be presented to Sheriff Mark Napier

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed the first proclamation recognizing May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

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

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 21,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, 307 names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 135 officers who were killed during 2019, plus 172 officers who died in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of those who have dedicated their lives to the law enforcement profession and to keeping our communities safe; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pima County Sheriff's Department and law enforcement officers throughout the state and nation risk their lives on a daily basis to maintain peace within the community and protect the lives and property of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pima County Sheriff's Department provide a vital public service safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our county's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of May 10 through May 16, 2020, to be:

“NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

and the day of Friday, May 15, 2020, to be:

“PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY”

and we call upon the citizens in our community to observe this day in honor of all the officers who have fallen in the line of duty, and recognize the sacrifices made by the families of those officers and the families of those who continue to protect and serve our communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of May 2020.

The Honorable Ramón Valadez, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors