

WOODBURY COUNTY POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

MAY 10-16, 2015

To recognize National Police Week 2015 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, more than two-hundred, new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 117 officers killed in 2014 and 156 officers killed in previous years;

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 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2015, in Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 10-16;

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as 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 10-16, 2015, 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.