



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 5, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation for National Police Week
and Peace Officers' Memorial Day

Report in Brief

The City Council is asked to proclaim May 11-17, 2009 as National Police Week, and May 15, 2009, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in Woodland to honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our community and citizens safe.

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim May 11-17, 2009 as National Police Week and May 15, 2009, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

Background

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of the Federal, State, and Municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty; and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week, in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws. The law was amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, signed by President Bill Clinton, directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year. While the actual dates change from year to year, National Police Week is always the calendar week, beginning on Sunday, which includes May 15.

Though enacted in 1962, it was not until May 15, 1982, that the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day service was held. The Joint Resolution was enacted in recognition of the police officers of our country who work devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of the United States, regardless of the peril to themselves. These officers safeguard the lives and property of their fellow Americans by the enforcement of our laws. These men and women, by their patriotic service and dedicated efforts, deserve, and have earned, the gratitude of the Nation.

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Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2009 as National Police Week and May 15, 2009, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

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City Manager

Attachment: Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation of National Police Week

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PROCLAMATION RECOGNITION OF AND APPRECIATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Woodland Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the community of Woodland; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence and disorder; and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Woodland Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland hereby adopts this Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation and calls upon all citizens of Woodland and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11-17, 2009, as National Police Week with observances in which all of our citizens may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have provided a dedicated service to their community. In so doing, they have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens. The City Council further calls upon citizens of Woodland to observe May 15, 2009, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers, who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty; and let us recognize and offer our respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2009

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

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William Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member