



# **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 15, 2023, AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND THE WEEK OF MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 20, 2023, AS POLICE WEEK.**

WHEREAS, each year, America sets aside a week to specifically honor the people who do the difficult, dangerous, and essential work of safeguarding our communities; and

WHEREAS, during Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, we celebrate and show our gratitude to those who protect and serve our communities and uphold our laws, and we honor those courageous officers who devoted themselves so fully to others that in the process they laid down their lives; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the members of Congress signed a joint resolution recognizing May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year in which May 15 occurs as Police Week to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line-of-duty; and

WHEREAS, even as we mourn the fallen, we remember how they lived and honor their dedication to the safety of our communities, our schools, businesses, homes, and public places. To their families we owe an unpayable debt, and to the people who carry their mission forward, we offer our deep support; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, fifteen California peace officers died in the line of duty and 245 died nationally in service to their communities, eighty-one of which were COVID-19 related. In 2022, sixty law enforcement officers were feloniously killed, which represents a 17.8 percent decrease compared to the seventy-three officers feloniously killed in 2021. The California officers will be memorialized in Sacramento, and a national memorial will be held in Washington, D.C. These memorial ceremonies are a time to honor the brave and resolute peace officers who serve in a job that is difficult and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, as a symbol of respect and remembrance to those who have laid down their lives in the line of duty and a show of support of our law enforcement officers working to protect our communities, Nevada County will fly flags at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office lost three deputies in the line of duty in the 1800's, Sheriff W.W Wright in 1856, Sheriff William H. Pascoe in 1893 and Sheriff David Fulton Douglass in 1896. Also killed in the line of duty were Nevada City Marshall David Johnson in 1856, Special Officer William H. Kilroy in 1899, Chief of Police Hiram D. Shearer in 1930 and City Marshall James Robert Cotner in 1930.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby proclaim May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023 as Police Week in Nevada County. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors recognizes Public Law 87-726 and directs the flag be flown at half-staff on all County buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day, which falls on a Monday.