



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 15, 2025, AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND THE WEEK OF MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 17, 2025, 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 2024, 165 peace officers across the nation including six from California, died in the line of duty. This reflects a nationwide increase of approximately 6.5% from 2023. Five California officers will be memorialized in Sacramento and those killed across the United States will be memorialized in Washington D.C. These memorial ceremonies are a time to remember 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, 2025, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025, as Police Week in Nevada County. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors recognizes Public Law 87-726 and directs the flag flown at half-staff on all County buildings on Peace Officers Memorial Day, which falls on a Thursday.