

Council Meeting Staff Report

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Title

Proclamation declaring the Week of May 13 - 17, 2019 as "Police Week" and Wednesday, May 15, 2019 as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day" in Los Alamos County (accepted by LAPD Chief Dino Sgambellone)

Body

WHEREAS: the Congress of the United States has designated May 15th of each year to be Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen Officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half staff; and

WHEREAS: it is important that all citizens know and understand the challenges, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS: nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement Officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries, and since the first recorded death in 1791, over 20,000 law enforcement Officers have been killed in the line of duty, including over 600 Corrections Officers; In 2018, 150 Officers were killed in the line of duty, and another 29 Officers have lost their lives while serving in just the first three months of this year; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we pay tribute to the Officers who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize the sacrifices made by the families of those Officers, as well as the families of those who continue to protect and serve our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we acknowledge the dedication of those that continue to serve and who are willing to undertake the crucial roles and responsibilities of law enforcement and corrections Officers within our communities, and commemorate and honor the dedicated service of Officers past and present;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, I do hereby proclaim the Week of May 13 - 17, 2019 as

"POLICE WEEK"

AND FURTHERMORE, declare Wednesday, May 15, 2019 as

"PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY"

in Los Alamos County, and call upon our citizens to publicly join in commemorating law enforcement Officers, past and

present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their duty, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.