



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that 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, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including Tulare Police Officer Richard Wellington Smith and K9 Bane; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Tulare Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the City of Tulare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tulare Police Department is a skilled, professional law enforcement agency which believes in maintaining public peace and promoting order through fair and impartial decisions and respectful enforcement of the law.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the City Council of the City of Tulare, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14-20, 2023, as

## National Police Week

in the City of Tulare and encourage the community to join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities of preserving the rights and security of all citizens, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023.



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Terry A. Sayre, Mayor

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