

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

National Police Week 2023

WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week.; and

WHEREAS, each year we pause to recognize the 900,000+ law enforcement officers serving across the United States and remember the more than 23,000 law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty since the first recorded death in 1786; and

WHEREAS, Since Washington became a state in 1889, 318 officers have been killed in Washington State, the most recent being Bellevue Police Officer Jordan Jackson on November 22, 2022; and

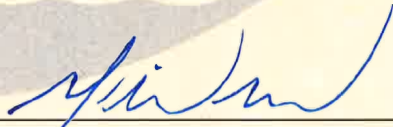
WHEREAS, in 2022, 226 law enforcement and corrections officers lost their lives. And to date this year, 32 officers have given their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 35th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor, formally designate May 14 – 20, 2023, as Police Week in the City of Edmonds, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.



Mike Nelson, Mayor | May 16, 2023

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