

City of Albany
Proclamation

**IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, in 1962 President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, 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, the members of the Albany Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our community members and the Albany Police Department continuously provides a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, over 1400 law enforcement officers in the State of California have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all members of our community know and understand the duties, responsibilities, sacrifices, and hazards facing the more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Albany Police Department, 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 people against oppression; and

WHEREAS, Albany Police Officers are committed to the highest professional standards, and working in partnership with our community to meet the challenges of reducing crime, creating a safe and welcoming environment, and improving quality of life for our community and those who visit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is proud of our police officers and wishes to recognize their commitment to the public safety profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes the week of May 10, 2024 through May 16, 2024 as Police Memorial Week, and calls upon all community members, civic and educational organizations to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered dedicated service to their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes May 15, 2024 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and we call upon the community of Albany to observe this day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of their duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of the fallen.

Date: May 6, 2024

JOHN MIKI, MAYOR

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