



# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, citizens of Bastrop gather to recognize and honor our law enforcement officers for their faithful service and sacrifice while protecting our community and safeguarding our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Bastrop Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in over 16,000 injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1786, more than 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the Bastrop Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, 136 fallen heroes throughout the Nation have been killed in the line of duty including 13 from the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, 47 fallen heroes throughout the Nation have been shot and killed in the line of duty including 4 from the State of Texas; and

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

**WHEREAS**, May 15<sup>th</sup> is designated as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. Flags should be flown at half-staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has designated the calendar week that May 15<sup>th</sup> falls be known as National Police Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lyle Nelson, Mayor of the City of Bastrop, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2024, through May 19, 2024, as:

**POLICE OFFICER WEEK IN BASTROP, TEXAS**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Bastrop, Texas to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2024.

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Lyle Nelson, Mayor

