



**TOWN OF CAPE CHARLES  
PROCLAMATION #20260416B**

**TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY  
AND NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2026**

To recognize National Police Week 2026 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

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

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, 24,775 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed 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, DC; and

**WHEREAS**, 363 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 109 officers killed in 2025 and 254 officers killed in previous years; 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 38th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11th-16th; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Cape Charles Town Council formally designates May 15, 2026 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that Cape Charles Town Council will observe May 10-16, 2026, as National Police Week in the Town of Cape Charles, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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Adopted by the Town Council of Cape Charles on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Andy Buchholz, Vice Mayor

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Libby Hume, Town Clerk