

Proclamation
National Police Week
May 14 – 20, 2023

To recognize National Police Week 2023 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those police officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week;

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police has declared police officer safety and wellness a top priority, and the IACP's Center for Officer Safety and Wellness promotes the importance of individual, agency, family, and community safety and wellness awareness; and

WHEREAS, the members of the police department of the City of Deadwood play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the police department of the City of Deadwood unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David Ruth Jr. call upon all citizens of the City of Deadwood and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 14 – May 20, 2023, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which our community may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I FURTHER call upon all citizens of the City of Deadwood to observe May 15, 2023, as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of May, 2023.

Mayor David Ruth Jr.