## PROCLAMATION

## OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM PROCLAIMING MAY 9 – 15, 2021 as NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL WEEK IN THE CITY OF FOLSOM

WHEREAS, National Police Week was established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy along with a joint resolution of Congress to pay special tribute to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and,

- WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 79 sworn members of the City of Folsom Police Department who work devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the citizens of the City of Folsom, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and,
- WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice; and,
- WHEREAS, the names of 22,217 of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which was dedicated in 1991 in Washington, D.C.; and,
- WHEREAS, 307 new names of fallen heroes were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial last Spring, including 135 officers killed in 2020 and 172 officers who had died in previous years whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now; and,

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored, and the names of the officers newly engraved on the Memorial will be formally dedicated, during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Annual Candlelight Vigil, to be held on the evening of Thursday, May 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, May 15, 2021 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all the fallen officers and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael D. Kozlowski, Mayor of the City of Folsom, on behalf of the Folsom City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9-15, 2021 as *National Police Officers Memorial Week* in the City of Folsom and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation.

PROCLAIMED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

Attest:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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