



# PROCLAMATION

## National Police Week May 12-18, 2024

To recognize National Police Week 2024 and to honor those currently serving, those retired from service, and the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

**Whereas**, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the 33 sworn and 8 non-sworn members of the Hermiston Police Department;

**Whereas**, on average, 55,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year resulting in approximately 15,000 injuries;

**Whereas**, since the first recorded death in 1786, just over 25,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including 1 member of the Hermiston Police Department, Ronald G. Kilby – end of watch Thursday, October 8th, 1959;

**Whereas**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

**Whereas**, 124 new names of fallen heroes will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, the City of Hermiston formally designates May 12th-18th, 2024, as National Police Week, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in all communities across the nation.

Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

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Dr. David A. Drotzmann, Mayor