

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK MAY 12 – 18, 2024

WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Memorial Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice;

and WHEREAS, Our law enforcement officers are the guardians of life and property; defenders of the individual right to be free; warriors in the battle against crime; and are dedicated to the preservation of life and property;

and WHEREAS, The City of Independence honors the valor, service, and dedication of all Police Officers, and publicly salutes the service of each and every one of our own Independence Police Officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Independence hereby proclaims May 12 – 18, 2022 as Police Week in the City of Independence, and call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express appreciation to these men and women who are willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard us and our loved ones against all who would violate the law;

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all citizens to reflect and remember two Independence Police Officers, Harold Humphrey Pearce and Pitt McClellan Doxsie, who lost their lives in service to our community. These men will forever be remembered for their ultimate sacrifice. Presented this 13th day of May 2024.

Dated this 13th day of May 2024

Mayor Brad Bleichner _____