



# City of Mercer Island, Washington

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week. Each year we pause to recognize the 900,000+ law enforcement officers serving across the United States and remember the nearly 27,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty since the first recorded death in 1786.

Since Washington became a state in 1889, 319 officers have been killed in Washington State, the most recent being Washington State Trooper Christopher Gadd on March 2, 2024.

In 2024, 147 law enforcement and corrections officers lost their lives in the line of duty across the United States. And as of this date, 25 officers nationwide have already fallen in the line of duty this year.

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

The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty were honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 37th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2025.

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

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim May 12 – 18, 2025 as

## **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2025**

and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

**APPROVED,** this 20th day of May 2025.

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Mayor Salim Nice

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