

PROCLAMATION

Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week

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

WHEREAS, the members of all the law enforcement agencies of Waller County play an essential role in safe-guarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, every day, our Nations' dedicated law enforcement officers put themselves at risk to keep their fellow selflessly risk their lives to protect our families against crime; and

WHEREAS, as we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of these enforcement agencies, and recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, since 1776 there have been 26,618 line of duty deaths in America including the various members of the Waller County Law Enforcement Agencies and we the Waller County Commissioners Court and citizens hereby pay tribute to honor to the following Waller County fallen officers – Lewis Cooper (1878-Gunfire) John Howell Adams (1880 - Gunfire), Lewis Melvin Moore (1927 – Automobile Crash), Walter N. Brode (1934 – Gunfire), Charles Edwin Cooke (1967 – Automobile Crash), Albert Edwin Cooke (1975 - Gunfire), Russell Lynn Boyd (1983 - Gunfire), Christopher Jerome Sobieski (2004 Vehicular Assault), Loren Yalith Vasquez (2018 – Drowning), and John Edward Moon (2021 – COVID 19). and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes. We ask God's blessings for the families and friends they left behind; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize and praise the valiant efforts of Waller County's law enforcement officers currently in service who have pledged to protect our lives from violence and disorder, and our property from theft and vandalism; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT WE,

The County Judge and Commissioners of Waller County, Texas do hereby proclaim May 15, 2024 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 12th through May 18, 2024 as National Police Week. We appreciate the service of all our Waller County Police Officers who do their part to help our citizens. Thank you for your dedication to our communities.

Signed this 15th day of May, 2024

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