

# PROCLAMATION

## National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

WHEREAS, National Law Enforcement Officers Day, also known as L.E.A.D., was founded and first observed on January 9, 2015 in the wake of the 2014 Ferguson, Missouri, officer-involved shooting of Michael Brown, at a time when there was much scrutiny of police officers and concerns about police brutality. Observant of the day spent it thanking police officers, wearing blue and turning on blue lights in their home.

WHEREAS, Across the country on January 9<sup>th</sup> each year, citizens take the lead to show support for Law Enforcement. There are over 1.28 million law enforcement officers in the United States, and they are honored and shown that the community recognizes the difficulty of their job and supports them as they provide a public service. The day is dedicated to all members of law enforcement, but the focus is on police and similar state and local agencies. It was started by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S), which partners with organizations across the country to make the day happen.

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. They have answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated. The jobs are often thankless and take them away from their families for long hours and rarely do they know what their days have in store for them. On National Law Enforcement Day, we have an opportunity to thank them for their service and offer a token of respect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Waller County Commissioners Court formally designates January 9, 2026 as National Law Enforcement Day in Waller County and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

SIGNED THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

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Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III, County Judge

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John A. Amsler, Commissioner, Precinct 1

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