

2026 CITY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING MAY 15TH AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY
AND MAY 11-17 AS POLICE WEEK

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

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police has declared police officer safety and wellness a top priority, and the IACP's Center for Officer Safety and Wellness promotes the importance of individual, agency, family, and community safety and wellness awareness; and

WHEREAS, the members of the police department of the City of Westwood play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the men and woman of the police department of the City of Westwood unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor David E. Waters call upon all citizens of the City of Westwood and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11 – May 17, 2026, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which our community may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

FURTHER call upon all citizens of the City of Westwood to observe May 15, 2026, as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the Official Seal of the City of Westwood this 14th day of May, 2026.

**PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS
THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.**

David E. Waters
Mayor

ATTEST:

Abby Schneweis
City Clerk