

COUNTY OF KLICKITAT, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas; There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including sworn members of the Klickitat County Sheriff Office; and

Whereas; Some 58,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

Whereas; Since the first recorded death in 1792, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including three (3) members of the Klickitat County Sheriff Office and nine (9) other law enforcement officers in the surrounding Columbia River Gorge area; and

Whereas; The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which was dedicated in 1991 in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas; The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored, and the names of the officers newly engraved on the Memorial will be formally dedicated, during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Saturday, May 13, 2017 as part of National Police Week, which takes place this year May 14-20; and

Whereas; May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, with federal law (P.L. 103 322) directing that all flags be flown at half-staff on that date in honor of fallen officers and their families; and

Whereas; In the year 2000 the United States Congress passed, and President Bill Clinton signed, legislation authorizing a National Law Enforcement Museum to be built adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas; As several officers have lost their lives in the line of duty in Klickitat County, a local memorial service will be held at the Klickitat County Courthouse on Monday, May 15th, 2017 at 10:00 AM;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Sizemore, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Klickitat County, Washington do hereby proclaim the week of May 14 through 20, 2017 as:

“PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL WEEK”

in Klickitat County and urge all residents to take the time to honor the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

DATED this 5th day of May, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Klickitat County, Washington



Jim Sizemore, Chairman



Rex Johnston, Commissioner



David Sauter, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board:



in and for the County of Klickitat,
State of Washington