

Proclamation

National Law Enforcement Recognition Week



WHEREAS, since 1962, when President Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week, communities across our nation have remembered and honored fallen law enforcement officers during National Law Enforcement Week, which is May 9th to May 15th in 2021; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 alone communities across our nation lost 295 officers, 8 of whom resided and served in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC honors fallen peace officers by permanently recording and commemorating their service and sacrifice, since the first known line-of-duty death in 1786, to now, more than 22,000 U.S. law enforcement officers names are carved on the marble walls; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial, maintained in association with The Behind the Badge Foundation at the Capitol Campus in Olympia, Washington was completed in 2006, bears the inscription "*Their duty was to serve. Our duty is to remember,*" and honors the 276 fallen officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty from 1850 to today; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are a first line of response to an increasing number and increasing scope of incidents and calls for service in our community from serving as a first line of defense against crime to serving as a safety net for people living without shelter, living without resources, and living in crisis; and

WHEREAS, amid the difficulties and unrest since 2020, our family of officers, staff, and leadership in our Monroe Police Department have demonstrated and continue to model resilience, professionalism, integrity, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, I am honored and thankful for every person working within our Police Department as they serve and protect people and places in our community every minute of the day and every day of the week and frequently in dangerous and challenging conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, do hereby recognize the week of May 9th to 15th in 2021 as

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AND FURTHER, call upon residents and employers to join me in honoring and remembering our fallen law enforcement and their families, and to join me in listening to and thanking our law enforcement personnel serving our community in our Monroe Police Department.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor