

Proclamation

***Recognizing the Week of May 12-18, 2024  
as National Police Week***



**WHEREAS**, since 1962, when President Kennedy designated May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week, communities across our nation have remembered and honored fallen law enforcement officers during National Police Week, which is May 12-18, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 alone communities across our nation lost 224 officers; 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 24,000 U.S. law enforcement officers names are engraved on the walls; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial, maintained in association with The Behind the Badge Foundation at the Capitol Campus in Olympia honors the 344 fallen officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty from 1850 to today; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe's law enforcement officers work to ensure that Monroe is a safe place for all our residents, employers and employees, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe's 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 defense against crime to serving as a safety net for people living without shelter, living without resources, and living in crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, our officers, staff, and leadership in our Police Department demonstrate and continue to model professionalism, integrity, and compassion in their daily work; 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 12-18, 2024 as

**National Police Week**

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas".

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor