



PROCLAMATION



20-02

WHEREAS, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, nearly 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including Deputy Samuel A. Smith of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, on July 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, 307 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 135 officers killed in 2019 and 172 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their Sheriff's Office, and that members of our Sheriff's Office recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

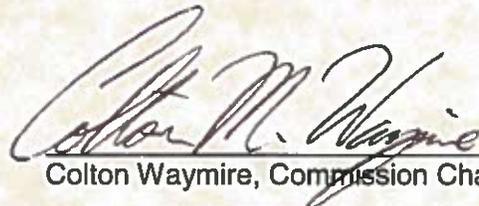
WHEREAS, members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Franklin County citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 President John F. Kennedy designated May 15th of each year as Peace Officer Memorial Day, by proclamation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS formally designates May 10-16, 2020 as Police Week in Franklin County, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

National Peace Officer Memorial Day and Police Week May 10-16, 2020

Signed this 13th day of May, 2020.


Colton Waymire, Commission Chair

Attested and Recorded this 13th day of May, 2020.




Janet Paddock, County Clerk