



**Franklin**  
COUNTY KANSAS

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# Proclamation

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**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800,000 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, more than 23,785 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including Deputy Sam Smith of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, 556 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 224 officers killed in 2022 and 332 officers killed in previous years;

**WHEREAS**, it is important that everyone know and understand the duties, hazards, responsibilities and sacrifices of their Sheriff's Office; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in 1961 President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners formally designates May 14-20, 2023, as Police Week in Franklin County, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Signed this 17th day of May 2023.

  
Janne Dickinson, Commission Chair

Attested and Recorded this 17th day of  
May 2023.

  
Janet Paddock, County Clerk