



**Franklin**  
COUNTY KANSAS

# Proclamation

24-05

To recognize National Police Week 2024 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

**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 24,000 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**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

**WHEREAS**, 282 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2023 and 164 officers killed in previous years; 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, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners will observe May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week in Franklin County, Kansas, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

**National Police Week**  
**May 12-18, 2024**

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2024.

  
Colton Waymire, Commission Chair

Attested and Recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
May 2024.

  
Janet Paddock, County Clerk