

PROCLAMATION
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National Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week
May 15, 2013 and May 12-18, 2013

Whereas, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

Whereas, the members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Franklin County; 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, the men and women of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office unceasingly provide a vital public service;

Now, therefore, the Franklin County Commission calls upon all citizens of Franklin County and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12-18, 2013 as Police Week, with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our citizens may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Franklin County to observe Thursday, May 9, 2013 as a day to honor those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to Franklin County or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Signed this 6th day of May 2013.

Steven W. Harris, Chairman