

PROCLAMATION
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PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK, 2014

To recognize National Police Week 2014 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 approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, the Ottawa Police Department and the Wellsville Police Department;

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Ottawa Police Department;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 100 officers killed in 2013 and 186 officers killed in previous years;

WHEREAS, there are 269 names of fallen heroes on the Kansas Law Enforcement memorial, at the State Capitol in Topeka;

WHEREAS, In 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls, as Police Week;

WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners formally designates May 11-17, 2014, 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 14th day of May 2014.

Steve W. Harris, Chairman