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Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing the National Police Week of May 13-19, 2018 as Peace Officers Appreciation Week in Solano County with special recognition to those peace officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty (Supervisor Spering)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Sheriff recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt and present a resolution recognizing the National Police Week of May 13-19, 2018 as Peace Officers Appreciation Week in Solano County with special recognition to those peace officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

SUMMARY:

In recognition of the contributions that our peace officers make to our Nation, Congress by Senate Joint Resolution, has designated the week in which Peace Officers Memorial day falls as National Police Week. This week has been set aside to honor the many peace officers who bravely hold forth as guardians of life and property, warriors battling crime and protectors of a citizen's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes the need to raise public awareness about the services and functions of peace officers and therefore wishes to participate in the upcoming National Police Week.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no additional financial impact on the County as a result of recognizing May 13-19, 2018 as Peace Officers Appreciation Week. There is minimal cost for staff to prepare this item, which is covered by the Departmental budget.

DISCUSSION:

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week. Established by joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those peace officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. In 2017, there were 129 officer deaths with the leading cause due to shootings, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Over the years, the Solano County Sheriff's Office has lost three officers in the line of duty and thereby giving the ultimate sacrifice; their names are Hale Humphrey (March 15, 1963), Jose Cisneros (August 25, 1985) and John Sandlin (April 23, 2004). We must all take a moment to appreciate the risks peace officers take every day to protect every one of us and this great nation, culminating in the 29th annual Peace Officers' Memorial event on May 16.

It is critical that the public know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, challenges and sacrifices law enforcement personnel face daily when performing their jobs. It is equally important that peace officers recognize the risks of their sworn duty to serve the community when safeguarding life and property, protecting against violence and disorder, and preventing deception and oppression.

Currently, Solano County employs 102 Deputies, 18 Sergeant Sheriffs, 7 Lieutenant Sheriffs, and 2 Captains. These professionals are responsible for the protection and well-being of more than 22,000 residents living in the unincorporated areas of the County. Additionally, they support the local police departments and the entire Solano County community through mutual aid assistance.

National Police Officers Week is an ideal time to recognize and celebrate peace officers for their devotion, bravery, and ongoing commitment.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt the resolution; however, this alternative is not recommended as this week is an opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of the Solano County deputies.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION