

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **National Police Week**

To recognize National Police Week 2025, 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 Arlington Police Department;

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.

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

WHEREAS, 343 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 148 officers killed in 2024;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 37th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2025;

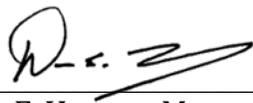
WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11-17;

WHEREAS, May 15 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 I, Don Vanney, Mayor of Arlington, do hereby proclaim that May 11-17, 2025 will be observed as

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in the City of Arlington, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor

May 5, 2025

Date