



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

To recognize 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 Norton Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including Detective Sergeant Stephen Desfosses, a member of the Norton Police Department; 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, 619 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 472 officers killed in 2021 and 147 officers killed in previous years; and,


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 34th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2022; and,

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

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; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Norton will observe May 11-17, 2022, as National Police Week and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

TOWN OF NORTON SELECT BOARD, BY:



Megan Artz

