PROCLAMATION

National Police Week: May 9-20, 2023 and National Peace Officers Memorial Day: May 15, 2023

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community and give special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers strive to maintain a safe environment for all, often while facing significant challenges and dangers, and our community recognizes the important work and sacrifices officers make each day to protect the citizens of Roosevelt County; and

WHEREAS, the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office is comprised of ten Deputies, two Sergeants, a Chief Deputy and Sheriff, three Transport Officers, and one Executive Secretary; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all citizens to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our Roosevelt County Sheriff's Office recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 18,000 injuries a year; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,785 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of duty; and

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

WHEREAS, 556 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 224 officers killed in 2022 and 332 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 35th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, May 15, 2023 is designated as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and all U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff, in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Roosevelt County Commissioners, will observe May 9-20, 2023 as:

"National Police Week"

in Roosevelt County and encourage all citizens to join in honoring and recognizing our law enforcement officers. Roosevelt County encourages you to initiate, support and embrace new ways of honoring these critical public servants as they perform their duties in an especially challenging time. We publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. We dedicate these seven days annually to recognize these great public servants, but we should not hesitate to make every day an opportunity to honor and show appreciation to those men and women serving daily in law enforcement to keep our communities safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Roosevelt County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2023 to be:
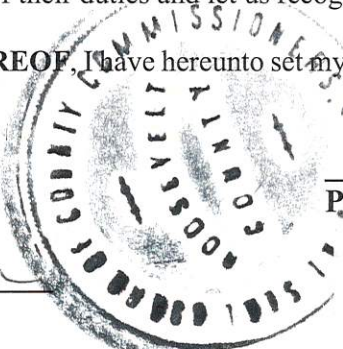
"National Peace Officers Memorial Day"

to honor all law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have been disabled in the performance of their duties and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the County of Roosevelt to be affixed this 2nd day of May 2023.

Attest:

Paul Grider
Paul Grider, Chairman

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Mandi Park, Clerk