PROCLAMATION

National 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 Kittitas County Sheriff's Office;

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 6 from Kittitas County (1 Cle Elum PD, 2 Ellensburg PD and 3 Kittitas County Deputies);

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, 286 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, 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 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2014;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on 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 the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners formally designates May 11-17, 2014, as Police Week in Kittitas County, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Proclaimed this 6th day of May 2014.

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Attest:

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Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board