



## City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida Proclamation

### National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. As established by resolution with Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays 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**, 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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, while safeguarding the life and property of our citizens Sheriff Rick Ramsay and the men and women of the department unceasingly provide a vital public service; 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**, National Police Week 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**, the City of Marathon City Council hereby proclaims the week commencing May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be recognized in the City of Marathon as National Police Week and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in Monroe County and the communities across the nation. We further direct that pursuant to the United States of America Public Law 103-322 that all flags be flown at half-staff on Sunday, May 15, 2022, Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families.

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Mayor John Bartus

May 10, 2022

Date