

City of Kenmore, Washington

Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, 2021

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Peace Officers Memorial Day was recognized in 1963, several months after President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law in October 1962; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all residents know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that police officers recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence and disorder, supporting the building blocks of strong communities, and promoting peace; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that peace officers are frequently exposed to chaos, volatility, and sometimes mortal danger; and

WHEREAS, for officers who have been injured or have fallen in the line of duty, their families and their legacies are forever changed by the trauma and loss; and

WHEREAS, 394 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 295 officers who died in 2020 and 99 officers who died in previous years; and

WHEREAS, closer to home, 8 Washington officers tragically lost their lives protecting their communities in 2020, including Bothell Police Officer Jonathan Shoop; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers who died in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 33rd Annual Candlelight Vigil in Washington, DC, on the evening of May 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore is proud of the exceptional presence, service, and contributions of the 13 police officers serving its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 15** as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** throughout the City of Kenmore. We call upon our community to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to our beautiful, and safe Kenmore. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 10th day of May 2021.



Signed: _____

A blue ink signature of David Baker, the Mayor of Kenmore, Washington.

Mayor David Baker

Attested: _____

A blue ink signature of Anastasiya Warhol, the City Clerk of Kenmore, Washington.

City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol