



PROCLAMATION

National Police Week - May 12 - 16, 2025 Peace Officers' Memorial Day - May 15, 2025

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, nationwide 147 peace officers were killed in the line of duty in 2024; and

WHEREAS, four California peace officers were killed in the line of duty in 2024; and

WHEREAS, members of the Fort Bragg Police Department, along with all of the other law enforcement partners who protect and serve our community, provide an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of our law enforcement agencies, and that members of these law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Fort Bragg Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jason Godeke, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, call upon all citizens of Fort Bragg and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12 - 16, 2025 as **National Police Week** with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

FURTHERMORE, I call upon all citizens of Fort Bragg to observe Thursday, May 15, 2025 as **Peace Officers' Memorial Day** in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to survivors of our fallen heroes.

SIGNED this 12th day of May, 2025

JASON GODEKE, Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA PAOLI, City Clerk

