

## **Resolution**

Designating the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023,  
as “National Police Week”

WHEREAS, Federal, State, local and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dryden is protected by the Village of Dryden Police Department, Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police Troop C Zone 3, and Tompkins Cortland Community College Campus Police; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are charged with pursuing justice for all individuals and performing the duties of a law enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional and civil rights of the public the officers serve; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 which authorizes the President to proclaim May 15 of every year as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” in honor of fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 87-726 also authorizes the President to designate the week in which Peace Officers Memorial Day falls as “National Police Week”; and

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated on October 15, 1991, is the national monument to honor those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Peace Officers Memorial Day, 2023 honors the 556 new names of fallen heroes who 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; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Town of Dryden hereby declares from May 14 through May 20, 2023 a time to honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers, in particular members of the Village of Dryden Police Department, Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police Troop C Zone 3, and Tompkins Cortland Community College Campus Police; and be it further

Resolved, the Town encourages its citizens to observe National Police Week by honoring law enforcement personnel and promoting awareness of the essential mission that law enforcement personnel undertake in service to the Town of Dryden community and in communities across the nation by displaying a blue light in the window of their place of business or residence.