



Proclamation

National Police Week, May 14-20 and National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, May 15, 2023

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15, 2023 as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Palo Alto Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Police Department has grown to be a modern and progressive law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, The City of Palo Alto asks all citizens to join in honoring the police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lydia Kou, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby proclaim the week of May 14-20, 2023 as Police Week and urge all citizens of Palo Alto to observe Saturday May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

Presented: May 15, 2023

Lydia Kou
Mayor