Resolution

ORDER NO: 2026 - 0517
DATE: May 5, 2026
STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 5th day of May 2026, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa Daniel, Commissioner of District 1 and seconded by **Commissioner Sommerman for District 2**, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, and Congress have designated May 15th, 2026, as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Sheriff's Office is the chief law enforcement agency in the county. Established on March 30, 1846, it operates the ninth-largest jail in the United States with an average jail population of over 7,000 inmates and more than 2,000 employees. Unlike municipal law enforcement agencies, sheriff deputies have jurisdiction in all areas of the county, including the over 30 cities in the county. The members of the law enforcement agency of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the residents of Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, It is important that all residents know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency. Members of our law enforcement agency must also recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the 19 Dallas County Sheriff's Office Deputies and 3 Dallas County Detention Service Officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice in carrying out their duties to Dallas County residents. We also acknowledge the family members of the fallen; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Sheriff's Office will honor and pay respects to its fallen heroes and their families on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10 am in Founders Plaza, the site of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office Fallen Deputy Memorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioner's Court does hereby call upon all residents of Dallas County, all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 10 – 16, 2026, as NATIONAL PEACE OFFICER WEEK. May we all join in commemorating law enforcement officers of Dallas County with appropriate ceremonies and observances. These dedicated Dallas County Sheriff's Office Deputies, past and present, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to our community and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all residents of Dallas County to observe Friday, May 15, 2026, as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers and Dallas County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Detentions Service Officers, who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty. Let us recognize and pay our respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 5th day of May 2026.

Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge

Dr. Theresa Daniel
Commissioner, District 1

Andrew Sommerman
Commissioner, District 2

John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4