



**PROCLAMATION REGOCNIZING
POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HAYS §

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

WHEREAS, the members of law enforcement agencies of Hays County 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 law enforcement agencies, and that members of these agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and shielding the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791 (Deputy Isaac Smith), 26,950 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, seven law enforcement officers have given their lives in the line of duty serving Hays County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget the sacrifices of:

- Deputy Sheriff Henry C. Banks (Hays County Sheriff's Office)
- Night Watchman Henry H. Joslin (Kyle Police Department)
- Deputy Sheriff John S. Davis, Jr. (Hays County Sheriff's Office)
- Trooper Randall W. Vetter (Texas Department of Public Safety)
- Officer Kenneth M. Copeland (San Marcos Police Department)
- Officer Justin Putnam (San Marcos Police Department)
- Deputy Constable Manuel Phillipe De La Rosa (Hays County Constable's Office, Precinct 2)
- Deputy Sheriff Dustin Speckels (Hays County Sheriff's Office)
- Correctional Officer James Henry (Hays County Sheriff's Office);
and their families; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement agencies of Hays County unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners Court of Hays County calls upon all citizens of Hays County and all patriotic, civil, and educational organizations to observe the week of **May 10 through May 16, 2026**, as *Police Week*, with appropriate ceremonies to commemorate police officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duty, have rendered dedicated service to their communities and preserved the rights and security of all citizens.

WE FURTHER call upon all citizens of Hays County to observe May 13, 2026, as Peace Officers Memorial Day, to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or become disabled in the performance of duty.

ADOPTED THIS THE 12th DAY OF MAY, 2026

Ruben Becerra
Hays County Judge

Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Michelle Cohen
Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Commissioner, Pct. 3

Walt Smith
Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Elaine H. Cardenas, Hays County Clerk