



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Fircrest Police Department; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week honors the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 24,775 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the names of these fallen heroes are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, serving as a lasting tribute to their courage and commitment; and

WHEREAS, 363 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 109 officers killed in 2025 and 254 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all fallen officers will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund 38th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year from May 10th – 16th; and

WHEREAS, Friday, May 15th, 2026, is designated as Peace Officer Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, do hereby proclaim May 10th – 16th, 2026, as **National Police Week** in the City of Fircrest, Washington, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and across the nation.

Passed this 12th day of May 2026



Nikki Bufford, Mayor

