



POLICE WEEK
May 10 – 16, 2026

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed the first proclamation recognizing May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week, “to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime;” and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of Albemarle County citizens being of the utmost importance to the prosperity and livelihood of Virginia’s families and communities; and police officers throughout Albemarle County are dedicated to protecting and serving Albemarle County communities – our neighborhoods, schools, and families; and

WHEREAS, police officers risk their lives each and every day in order to ensure public safety and enforce the laws of the land; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County values the courage and devotion of our police officers, as our collective prosperity depends on the integrity with which our law enforcement officers maintain peace and security; and

WHEREAS, Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day are opportunities to honor the officers who have fallen in the line of duty, and recognize the sacrifices made by the families of those officers and the families of those who continue to protect and serve our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize

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and **May 15, 2026, as PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** in Albemarle County, and call these observances to the attention of all our citizens.

Signed this 6th day of May 2026.

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors