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## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE MAY 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> AS “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

PAINESVILLE, OH, May 19, 2022 – At their weekly meeting, the Lake County Board of Commissioners recognized the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> as “National Police Week 2022” in Lake County in order to remember and honor fallen law enforcement officers.

The Lake County Board of Commissioners resolution was intended to pay homage to the courageous men and women who have dedicated their lives in protecting citizens in large cities, small towns, and suburban neighborhoods all across America. “We express our sincerest gratitude for these selfless public servants who put themselves in harm’s way in an effort to keep us safe and we honor those who have lost their lives,” stated Board President John R. Hamercheck.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15<sup>th</sup> as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and the calendar week that it falls in as “National Police Week”. Established by a joint resolution of Congress, “National Police Week” pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty providing safety and protection of others. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge in Washington, D.C. to participate in a number of planned events honoring those individuals who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. A Memorial Service began in Senate Park in 1982 and now, 40 years later, the event has grown to a series of events attracting 25,000 to 40,000 attendees made up of law enforcement officers, survivors, and various agencies. Residents can also participate virtually using the 2022 National Police Week mobile app available in the Google and Apple stores by searching “National Police Week 2022”.

Commissioner John Plecnik added, “It is extremely important to remember the extraordinary courage of our women and men in uniform, who nobly wear the badge of Police Officer and put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe. This resolution, by Lake County, is intended to honor all the unsung heroes whose bright futures were cut short in the line of duty.”

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