

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, for generations, courageous men and women of our Nations law enforcement community have dedicated their lives to protecting us in the big cities, small towns and suburban neighborhoods across America. Each morning, police officers pin on their shield and walk out the door to go to work, hoping they will come home safely. Last year, a record number of law enforcement officers died in the line of duty. On Peace Officers Memorial Day and during Police Week, we express our gratitude for these selfless public servants who put themselves in harms way to keep us safe and honor those who lost their lives in the line of duty; and

Whereas, as we see a rise in gun violence and other violent crimes, it is critical that we fund law enforcement with the resources and training they need to do their jobs safely and effectively; and

Whereas, it is important to continue to commit to supporting programs that protect the physical safety of our law enforcement-as well as their mental health and emotional well-being; and we will continue to provide them with the resources and training they need to keep our neighborhood safe; and

Whereas, during Police Week, let us demonstrate our appreciation for the unsung heroes who nobly wear the badge and put their lives at risk to protect people every day. Let us honor the brave officers whose bright futures were cut short in the line of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2024, as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** and May 15-May 21, 2024, as **Police Week**. Let us come together to help police be the partners and protectors of our community.

Dated this 7th day of May 2024

Nancy Smith, Mayor