

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, we honor our brave officers who serve on the front lines to protect our families, safeguard our communities, and shoulder a burden of responsibility that most Americans cannot fathom; and

Whereas, we honor the courageous men and women serving in law enforcement and memorialize those who sacrificed their lives defending the thin blue line.; and

Whereas, we will utilize every available means to equip and train law enforcement, retain qualified officers, and recruit on the basis of meritocracy; and

Whereas, the oath to serve and protect comes with extraordinary risk and sacrifice, and we are indebted to those who choose this righteous profession; and

Whereas, I stand in steadfast solidarity with those who defend our freedoms and the families who love and support them. We pray for those who grieve the fallen and pledge that their lives, legacies, and sacrifices will forever be remembered by our grateful nation; and

Whereas, May 15th of each year has been designated as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and the week in which it falls as “Police Week”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2026, as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** and May 10-16, 2026, as Police Week. I call upon the citizens of Maricopa to observe this week and in accordance with any declaration from the President and Governor of Arizona, that the flags be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Dated this 5th day of May 2026

Nancy Smith, Mayor