

Office of the City Manager

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: Barbara Childress, Chief of Police
Date: May 1, 2013
Subject: National Police Week Proclamation

Council Action Requested:

Proclaim May 12-18, 2013 as National Police Week.

Background Information:

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Locally, we will lower the flags to half staff on May 15 to honor those that have given their lives in the line of service over the past year. We will also distribute blue ribbons to departments to place on their vehicles to support National Police Week. This week serves as a reminder to all of us of the sacrifice that our Police Officers make and we are proud to recognize them for all that they do for us.

Board/Citizen Input: N/A

Financial Impact: None

Staff Contacts:

Barbara Childress, Chief of Police

Attachments: Proclamation

Proclamation

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City of Richland Hills

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of Richland Hills play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Richland Hills; and,

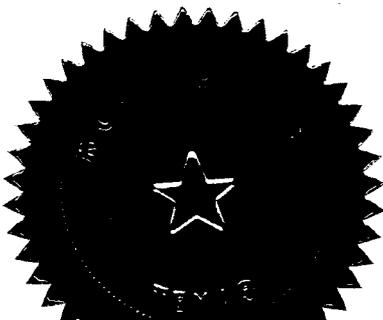
WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and weak again oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of Richland Hills unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Agan, Mayor of the City of Richland Hills, call upon all citizens of Richland Hills and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12-18, 2013 as "**Police Week**" with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Richland Hills to observe Wednesday, May 15, 2013 as "**Peace Officers' Memorial Day**" in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of their duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

PROCLAIMED this the 7th day of May, 2013.



Bill Agan

Mayor, City of Richland Hills

Jinda Carter

City Secretary