City of Elkins, West Virginia

National Police Week, May 10-16, 2026, and Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15, 2026 Proclamation

WHEREAS, Peace Officers Memorial Day, observed annually on May 15, during National Police Week, May 10 through May 16, 2026, serves as an opportunity for communities across the nation to honor the brave men and women of local, state, and federal law enforcement who have devoted their lives to protecting the safety, peace, and well-being of others, to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice or have been injured in the line of duty while serving their communities;

Peace Officers Memorial Day was established by Congress and signed into law by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 as a national day of remembrance and recognition for the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of America's peace officers. There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, and since the first recorded line-of-duty death in 1786, more than 24,500 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting their communities and safeguarding our democracy;

Law enforcement officers throughout the United States, including those serving the City of Elkins, Randolph County, and the State of West Virginia, work tirelessly to uphold justice, maintain public safety, and respond to emergencies while placing themselves in harm's way for the protection of others. The City of Elkins recognizes and deeply appreciates the courage, professionalism, and unwavering dedication demonstrated each day by these officers, as well as the tremendous sacrifices made by their families who share in the burdens and risks associated with a life of public service;

The City of Elkins joins communities throughout the United States in honoring the memory and sacrifice of law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in service to others, recognizing those injured in the line of duty, and expressing gratitude to the families who stand beside and support them, while encouraging all Americans to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day by participating in ceremonies and activities that honor fallen officers and by lowering flags to half-staff as a symbol of remembrance and respect;

It is fitting and proper that the citizens of Elkins pause to remember and honor those peace officers who have given their lives in service to others, to recognize the continued dedication of the men and women who protect and serve our community each day with integrity, professionalism, honor, and commitment, and to renew our support and gratitude for all who continue to serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry A. Marco, Mayor of the City of Elkins, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim May 10–16, 2026, as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** and May 15, 2026, as **PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** in Elkins, and urge all residents to honor the memory and sacrifices of fallen peace officers, support the families they left behind, recognize the dedicated service of active law enforcement personnel with gratitude, remembrance, and respect.

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