



**SMYTH COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN HONOR OF  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Smyth County Law Enforcement Agencies; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 26,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and,

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC where the names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, including 137 officers killed in 2023 and 55 this year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 12-18; and

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

**WHEREAS**, Smyth County prides itself in the four agencies of Smyth County that protect and serve its citizens including The Smyth County Sheriff's Office, Town of Chilhowie Police Department, Town of Marion Police Department, Town of Saltville Police Department for their dedication, passion, and enthusiasm; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of Police Officers by recognizing National Police Week;

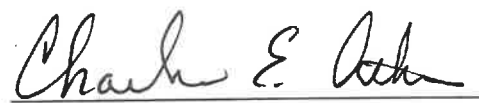
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors declares the week of May 12th to May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to be National Police Week in Smyth County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.

Adopted this the 9th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

  
Shawn M. Utt, Clerk

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Charles E. Atkins, Chair