

PROCLAMATION DECLARING "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 Town of University Park, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently 24,067 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; and

WHEREAS, 282 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2023 and 164 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 36th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2024; and

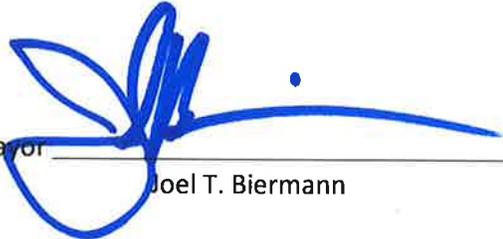
WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be *observed* this year May 10th-16th; and

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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of University Park will observe May 10-16, 2024, as National Police Week in University Park, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Town of University Park hereby dedicates and proclaims the week of May 10-16, 2024 to be "National Police Week".

Mayor



Joel T. Biermann