

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2013

To recognize National Police Week 2013 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

Whereas, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 6 sworn members of the Oblong Police Department;

Whereas, some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in 16,000 injuries;

Whereas, since the first recorded death in 1791, nearly 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 1 member of the Oblong Police Department, Jack Fencil;

Whereas, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which was dedicated in 1991 in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas, 320 names are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 119 officers killed in 2012 and 201 historical cases involving officers killed in previous years;

Whereas, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored, and the names of the officers newly engraved on the Memorial will be formally dedicated, during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 25th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2013;

Whereas, the Candlelight Vigil is part of the National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 12-18;

Whereas, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, with Federal law (P.L. 103-322) directing that all flags be flown at half-staff on that date in honor of fallen officers and their families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Oblong formally declare May 12-18, 2013 as Police Week in Oblong, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.


Mayor Randy Rich

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