PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 14 – 20, 2023 AS POLICE WEEK IN THE TOWN OF OAK CREEK, COLORADO

To recognize **National Police Week 2023** 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, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week, and

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 Oak Creek, Colorado, Police Department, and

WHEREAS, there were 43,649 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2021, resulting in approximately 15,369 injuries, and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 23,800 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, 224 police officers were killed in the line of duty in 2022, 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 Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13th, 2023, and

WHEREAS, May 15th 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 Mayor and Town Board of the Town of Oak Creek do hereby formally designate May 14 through May 20, 2023, as Police Week in the Town of Oak Creek, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

ATTEST: **TOWN OF OAK CREEK, COLORADO**

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David Torgler, Town Administrator/Clerk

Nikki Knoebel, Mayor