

Introduced by: Councilmember Snipper

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2012-26**

Recognizing National Police Week 2012 and Peace Officers Memorial Day

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Takoma Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 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, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 163 officers killed in 2011 and 199 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 24th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 13-19; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK THAT May 13-19, 2012 is formally designated as Police Week in the City of Takoma Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2012.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk