

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

MAY 8 2009

LANC. COUNTY CLERK
Resolution No. R-09-0023

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING)
MAY 10-16, 2009, AS POLICE WEEK)
IN LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA)

WHEREAS, National Police Week 2009 honors the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 76 sworn members of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, some 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 1792, more than 18,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including two members of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; and

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.; and

WHEREAS, 387 names are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 133 officers killed in 2008 and 254 officers killed in previous years; and

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 21st Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Wednesday, May 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 10-16; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners formally declares May 10-16, 2009, as Police Week in Lancaster County, Nebraska, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

DATED this 12th day of May, 2009.

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

APPROVED AS TO FORM
this 12th day of May, 2009.


GARY E. LACEY
Lancaster County Attorney





