## RESOLUTION NO. R-016- 052

## THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 15-21, 2016 AS LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO AND HONORING 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 approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Douglas 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 1791, more than 20,000 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 Douglas 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 in Washington, D.C.; and

*WHEREAS*, 252 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 123 officers killed in 2015 and 129 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 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 15-21; 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; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado formally declares May 15-21, 2016, as Law Enforcement Week in Douglas County and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this day of May, 2016, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

DAVID A. WEAVER, Chair

ATTEST:

MEGHAN MCCANN, Deputy