RESOLUTION NO. R-019 - 050

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

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 12-18, 2019 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, there were 61,995 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2017, resulting in approximately 17,902 injuries (2018 data not yet available); and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 21,910 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including Deputy Zack Parrish in 2017, and two other 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, 371 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 158 officers killed in 2018 and 213 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 31st Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2019; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado formally declares May 12-18, 2019, 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 14th day of May, 2019, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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

BY:

ROGER A. PARTRIDGE, Chair

ATTEST:

EMILY WRENN, Clerk to the Board