Lenoir Police Department

Council Action Form

I. Agenda Item:

Proclamation in Recognition of National Peace Officer's Memorial Week (May 10 – 16) and Peace Officers' Memorial Day (May 15) to present at the May 5, 2026 City Council meeting.

II. Background Information:

May 15th and Peace Officers' Memorial Week is an annual memorial event that honors the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

III. Staff Recommendation:

IV. Reviewed by:

City Attorney:_____ Date:_____

City Manager:_____ Date:_____

Police Chief: Charles A. Wilson Date: 4/21/2026

PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of
Peace Officers' Memorial Week
May 10 – 16, 2026

WHEREAS, *the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and*

WHEREAS, *the members of the law enforcement agency of the Lenoir Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of those inside the City of Lenoir; and*

WHEREAS, *it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of law enforcement, and that our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence and disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and*

WHEREAS, *the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Lenoir Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir, and on behalf of the Lenoir City Council, do hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of Lenoir and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 10 – May 16, 2026, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens;*

FURTHERMORE, *I proclaim and call upon all citizens of the City of Lenoir to recognize May 15, 2026, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty. Let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.*

WITNESS, *my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____, 2026.*

SEAL

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Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lauren Hartley, City Clerk