Proclamation
National Police Week 2026

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Lincolnton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently more than 24,500 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, DC; 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 38th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be *observed* this year May 11th-16th; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincolnton City Council will observe May 11-16, 2026, as

"National Police Week"

in the City of Lincolnton and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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Ed Hatley, Mayor

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Daphne Ingram, City Clerk