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COUNTY PROCLAIMS WEEK OF MAY 12, 2013, WELD COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS WEEK AND MAY 15, 2013, PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY



WELD COUNTY, CO – During Wednesday’s board meeting, the Weld County Commissioners proclaimed next week as Weld County Police Officers Week and May 15, 2013, as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

“Weld County is home to 22 law enforcement agencies,” said Commissioner Chairman William Garcia. “Each day these men and women put their lives on the line to protect both residents of and visitors to our county. It is a privilege to honor them with this proclamation.”

Weld County Commissioners Sean Conway, Douglas Rademacher, William Garcia, Barbara Kirkmeyer and Mike Freeman present the signed proclamation to Weld County Sheriff’s Office Bureau Chief Steve Reams during the Wednesday board meeting.

Through the proclamation, the Board of

Commissioners “...call upon all citizens to make every effort to express their thanks to our officers who make it possible for all of us to leave our homes and family in safety each and every day and to return to our homes knowing that we are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard our loved ones, government, and way of life, against those who would violate the law and seek to destroy our way of life.”

In 2012, every 73 hours, an American Law Enforcement officer died in the line of duty somewhere in this great country, and during this last year, 120 brave men and women lost their lives in the performance of their duties, six of whom were from the State of Colorado.

Weld County has lost seven law enforcement officers in the line of duty, all of whom were named in the proclamation: Officer Lee Whitman, Deputy Earl Bucher, Trooper Wallace McCarty, Officer Richard Ware, Officer James Longworth, Officer Richard Hart and Deputy Sam Brownlee.

On May 15, 2013, law enforcement officers, elected officials and community members will gather at Bittersweet Park at 10:00 a.m. to remember the Weld County officers, troopers and deputies who gave the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the public.

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