



City of Santa Maria
Santa Maria, California
Proclamation

WHEREAS, of all the promises America offers, none is more precious or elusive than the right to be free from crime; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women who have chosen law enforcement as a career face extraordinary risk and danger in preserving our freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 10 through May 16, 2026, “National Police Week” is observed to recognize the hazardous work, serious responsibility, and strong commitment of our Nation’s Peace Officers; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this important observance, the City of Santa Maria is observing May 13, 2026, as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day” in commemoration of those noble officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, twelve California Peace Officers are recognized as being killed in the line of duty during 2025; and

WHEREAS, these special observances provide all Santa Marians with the opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserving public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALICE M. PATINO, Mayor of the City of Santa Maria hereby recognize the week of May 10 through May 16, 2026, as:

“NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

And proclaim Wednesday, May 13, 2026, as:

“PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY”

in the City of Santa Maria and encourage all residents to remember those individuals who gave their lives for our safety and express our appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making Santa Maria a safer place in which to live.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Santa Maria to be affixed hereto this 5th day of May 2026.

Mayor Alice M. Patino