## **PROCLAMATION**

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

Whereas, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,000 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 23,785 dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line of duty in 2022 was 226, and

Whereas, Texas experienced the largest number of law enforcement officer fatalities of all U.S. states in 2022 with 33 line-of-duty deaths; 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,** I, T J Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14-20, 2023, as:

## "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK"

and May 15, 2023, as:

## "POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY"

in the City of Lewisville and urge all citizens to make every effort to express heartfelt appreciation to the men and women who have sacrificed their lives to guard us and our loved ones against all who would violate the law.

**Proclaimed** this the 15th day of May 2023.

T.J. Gilmore, Mayor City of Lewisville