



BERRIEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
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May 13, 2021

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those federal, state and local police officers killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, President Kennedy stated "It is fitting and proper that we express our gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of law enforcement officers and for the contributions they have made to the security and well-being of all our people"; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, President William J. Clinton signed Public Law 103-322 which directs that the American Flag on all government buildings be flown at half-staff on May 15th each year; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Fraternal Order of Police, Blossomland Lodge #100 is hosting the Annual Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at the Berrien County Law Enforcement Officer's Monument in Lake Bluff Park in the City of St. Joseph on Friday, May 14, 2021 at noon; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners encourages the public's attendance to the event, that will honor 20 officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, those that served here or were former long-time members of the Berrien County community; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners deems it appropriate to pay tribute to peace officers who have served our communities and lost their lives in the line of duty and encourages the residents of Berrien County to honor them as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners remembers and honors all of those whose names shall not be forgotten:

<i>Patrolman Clarence Shockley, Niles City, 1907</i>	<i>State Trooper William Martz, Paw Paw Post, 1925</i>
<i>Patrolman Francis Lamunion, St. Joseph City, 1927</i>	<i>Patrolman Charles Skelley, St. Joseph City, 1929</i>
<i>Patrolman Vance Cooper, Niles City, 1937</i>	<i>Deputy Elton Stover, Berrien County Sheriff, 1965</i>
<i>Sgt. Robert Stevens, Benton Township, 1970</i>	<i>State Trooper Charles Stark, New Buffalo Post, 1971</i>
<i>State Trooper Gary Rampy, New Buffalo Post, 1971</i>	<i>State Trooper Steven Devries, Niles Post, 1972</i>
<i>Detective Captain Paul Winquist, Niles City, 1980</i>	<i>State Trooper Allan Peterson, St. Joseph Post, 1981</i>
<i>State Police Trooper Robert Mihalik, St. Joseph Post, 1984</i>	<i>Officer Robert Polmateer, Phoenix, 1984</i>
<i>Patrolman Donald Deford, Lincoln Township, 1988</i>	<i>Chief Keith Mills, St. Joseph Township, 1988</i>
<i>Sgt. James Faraone, Salt Lake City, 2001</i>	<i>FBI Special Agent Paul Sorce, Detroit, 2009</i>
<i>Berrien County Trial Court Security Supervisor Joseph Zangaro, 2016</i>	
<i>Berrien County Trial Court Officer Ronald Kienzle, 2016</i>	

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