



PROCLAMATION

PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, the Crime Law of 1994 permits United States flags at all government buildings to be flown at half-staff in honor of Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, Peace Officers' Memorial Day recognizes the unconditional sacrifices of more than 24,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, on this special day, the Arlington County Board and the citizens we serve pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifices of Arlington County's fallen officers: Special Police Officer Louis Franklin Shaw, Detective Russell Clinton Pettie, Officer Arthur Chorovich, Officer Israel P. Gonzalez, Officer John Buckley, Officer George Pomraning, Jr., and Corporal Harvey Snook, III; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County believes it is important to unite with federal agencies, state and local governments across the country, and the families of peace officers who have been killed in the line of duty in memory of those officers and in support of their families; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County also recognizes and praises the valiant efforts of Arlington County's law enforcement officers currently in service, who have pledged to protect our lives from violence and disorder and our property from theft and vandalism;;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim **May 8, 2026**, as **PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY** in Arlington County and urges every resident to take a moment during this day to remember those law enforcement officers who have given their lives in service to the people in their communities and across the nation.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Matthew de Ferranti".

Matt de Ferranti
Chair, Arlington County Board