

CITY OF KINSTON

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

National Police Week

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

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States who have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including officers killed in 2024 and officers killed in previous years;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 37th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be *observed* this year, May 11th-17th;

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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Mayor Don Hardy and the City of Kinston will observe May 11-17, 2025, as National Police Week in Kinston, NC, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

A blue ink signature of Mayor Don Hardy, which includes the name "Mayor Don Hardy" written within a stylized oval.