

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, January 9 is recognized as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day to express gratitude and support for the men and women who serve their communities in law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the 110 men and women serving in the Olympia Police Department include 76 commissioned officers, 13 corrections officers and 21 civilians; and

WHEREAS, the mission of OPD is to consistently earn the trust of Olympia's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 OPD staff responded to more than 49,000 calls for services, attended 147 community events and engaged with nearly 12,000 community members; and

WHEREAS, OPD has worked to develop a diversity of services, including the Crisis Response Unit and the Familiar Faces Peer Navigators, to better ensure community members can get the most appropriate response to their needs; and

WHEREAS, OPD has long embraced the guardian mindset of policing, emphasizing creating and strengthening relationships in the community, and has been an early adopter of the tenets of police reform; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 OPD created a department workgroup to evaluate and modify more than 20 OPD policies to ensure they comply with newly adopted state police reform legislation, as well as meet our community's expectations; and

WHEREAS, OPD committed its support to Olympia's community-led process to reimagine public safety and the recommendations that emerge from it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council hereby recognizes January 9, 2023, as

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

In the City of Olympia and offers their heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude for the dedication and service of the men and women of the Olympia Police Department.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY 2023

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*