



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of May 2012 as Peace Officers' Memorial Month in Lodi

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2012

PREPARED BY: Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation of proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2012 as Peace Officers' Memorial month in Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: California Peace Officers' Memorial ceremonies have been conducted in the State Capitol since 1977. The ceremony honors the 19,330 law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty in the United States and recognizes the sacrifice and loss families have suffered. Of the 167 line-of-duty deaths in 2011, California's loss was 10 officers. This year, the week of May 13 through May 19 is designated National Police Week.

On Monday, May 7, the Lodi Police Honor Guard will participate in the California Peace Officers' Memorial enrollment ceremony in Sacramento. On Wednesday, May 9, the Honor Guard will participate in the Stockton Police Officers Association's memorial service honoring fallen law enforcement officers from throughout San Joaquin County.

An inscription at the California State Memorial reads: "Go, stranger, and tell the (people) that we lie here in obedience to their laws." We urge the City Council to join in this message, honoring our fallen peace officers.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

Mark Helms
Chief of Police

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APPROVED:

Konradt Bartlam, City Manager