



**BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 10-16, 2026, AS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL WEEK IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognizes the second week of May as National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officers who have been killed or have died in the line of duty deserve to be remembered and honored each year; and

WHEREAS, the work of all Law Enforcement Officers is essential to preserving peace in our communities and ensuring the safety of precious lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the families of those who have suffered the loss of a Law Enforcement Officer are forever recognized and honored for their loss; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office has lost the following Deputy Sheriffs who were killed in the line of duty:

Deputy Abram Johnson, End of Watch December 26, 1881
Deputy James Stewart, End of Watch April 11, 1895
Deputy Howard Dutton, End of Watch October 1, 1987
Deputy Scott Ward, End of Watch November 23, 2012
Deputy Bill Smith, End of Watch June 6, 2021

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial for Baldwin County is located in Robertsedale, Alabama, and has affixed upon the names of all 15 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty in Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County will honor those killed in the line of duty on May 12th, 2026, at the Law Enforcement Memorial Site in Robertsedale, Alabama; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the week of May 10-16, 2026, is hereby designated as "Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week" in Baldwin County, Alabama. The Baldwin County Commission and the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office extends its most heartfelt gratitude and eternal appreciation for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, gone beyond the full measure, and given not only of their personal lives, but also have caused hardship upon their families in doing so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, to be affixed on this the 21st day of April 2026.

Commissioner James E. Ball
Chairman

Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie

Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood

Commissioner Charles F. Gruber
Vice Chairman