## **PROCLAMATION**

## BY THE MAYOR OF BISCOE National Police Officer Day 2020 May 15, 2020

Whereas, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and;

Whereas, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan, and;

Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of (municipality), Michigan for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us, and;

Whereas, In 2018 alone, 1aw enforcement officers were killed and many, many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. The names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and;

Whereas, North Carolina's (and specifically this community if appropriate) fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and also all of those who are serving without incident to date, and;

Whereas, Biscoe, North Carolina and all North Carolina citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state;

The Town of Biscoe publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, W. Eddie Reynolds, Honorable Mayor of Biscoe, do hereby proclaim, **May 15, 2020**, as Police Officer Day throughout the Town of Biscoe and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Biscoe be affixed by our Town Clerk this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2020.

W. Eddie Reynolds, Honorable Mayor of Biscoe

Attest:

Laura B. Morton, CMC, NCCMC

Town Clerk - Town of Biscoe