

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women of Alaska's law enforcement agencies serve and protect Alaskans and ensure our communities are healthy and safe every day; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are highly trained and many make daily personal sacrifices to maintain public peace and order, enforce traffic laws, conduct search and rescue operations, investigate allegations of human abuse or neglect, respond to citizen inquiries, protect life and property, and provide current and relevant law enforcement training to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's law enforcement officers wear a badge – a symbol of authority granted by oath – and vow to uphold the highest ideals of law enforcement and truth, regardless of outcome. A badge marks an officer's courage to make the right decisions in the face of extremely dangerous situations and moral dilemmas, and to show compassion to those in need without bias, regardless of circumstances or condition; and

WHEREAS, members of the Alaska Department of Public Safety, the Alaska State Troopers, and the Alaska Wildlife Troopers work to carry out their core values of Loyalty, Integrity, Courage, Compassion, Leadership, and Accountability, and members of other federal and local law enforcement agencies across our state also work hard for Alaskans every day; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate law enforcement officers who remain steadfast, honorable, and uncompromised in the performance of duty while exhibiting leadership and professional conduct; and

it is important to recognize our everyday heroes and their families for their bravery, selfless duty, and commitment to Alaskans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim January 9, 2015 as:

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize and express appreciation for our law enforcement officers for their honorable profession in public service to us all.

Dated: January 8, 2015



Bill Walker

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*