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**Executive Reardon Proclaims
May 15-19 National Police Week,
May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, in honor of Snohomish County's law enforcement officers, is calling upon all citizens of Snohomish County and all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15-19 as 'Police Week.'

"Everyday, our police officers put their lives on the line to protect our personal safety and property from those without moral conscience who would do us harm." says Executive Reardon. "For this, we owe the men and women of our County and nation's law enforcement agencies our gratitude and respect."

Executive Reardon also proclaimed May 15 as 'Peace Officers Memorial Day' in honor of the 155 law enforcement officers who, "in 2005, through their courageous deeds, paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community."

Monday, May 15 in tribute to the County and nation's fallen officers, County flags will be flown at half-mast.

The Proclamation states it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement agencies, and that members of our law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression.

"Our law enforcement agencies of Snohomish County play an essential role in safeguarding our rights and freedoms." says Reardon.

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PROCLAMATION

National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day

Whereas, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week following as National Police Week; and

Whereas, those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community; and

Whereas, 155 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in 2005; and

Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency of Snohomish County play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Snohomish County; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

Whereas, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of Snohomish County unceasingly provide a vital public service;

Now, therefore, I, Aaron Reardon, Executive of Snohomish County, call upon all citizens of Snohomish County and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15-19, 2006 as

Police Week

in which our citizens may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities, preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

Signed this 15th day of May, 2006.

Aaron G. Reardon
Snohomish County Executive