



Resolution No. R2006-117

A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Recognizing the Service and Sacrifice of our Emergency Services Personnel; and Proclaiming the Week of September 10 to 16, 2006, as "First Responders Recognition Week" in Pierce County, Washington.

Whereas, our nation's first responders are the local firefighters, paramedics, police officers and search and rescue workers, who are the first ones into an emergency and the last ones out; and

Whereas, these brave men and women work under the most extreme conditions to protect our communities and risk their own lives to save others, providing the first crucial line of defense in our homeland security; and

Whereas, nowhere was the courage of first responders more evident than on September 11, 2001, when emergency personnel rushed into danger after the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, in the fleeting hope of reaching anyone who needed their help; and

Whereas, September 11 was yet another painful reminder that the hazards of the job are sometimes just too great, forcing these selfless individuals to make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

Whereas, five years after that infamous day, our appreciation for first responders in Pierce County and throughout the nation, has only deepened as we realize how fortunate we are to have these genuine heroes walking in our midst; and

Whereas, for the physically and emotionally demanding jobs they tirelessly perform each day so that we can continue to live our lives, first responders are deserving of our unending gratitude and profound respect; **Now, Therefore**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Council of Pierce County:

That the Pierce County Council recognizes the service and sacrifice of our emergency services personnel and proclaims the week of September 10 to 16, 2006, as "First Responders Recognition Week" in Pierce County, Washington.

ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2006.

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