

City Council Mineola, Texas

RESOLUTION NO.: _____

Introduced: March 25, 2019

Subject: A Resolution relating to the Honor and Sacrifice Flag.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MINEOLA, TEXAS:

Honor and Sacrifice Flag:

(a) The Honor and Sacrifice Flag is designated as an official symbol of the city for the purpose of recognizing and honoring members of the firefighters and law enforcement who have died in the line of duty and their families left behind.

(b) The design of the Honor and Sacrifice Flag is a **Blue Field** symbolizing nationally the law enforcement community; a **Purple Field** respectfully signifies mourning the loss of a firefighter; a **White Field** recognizes the purity of heart within each individual who serves and protects and is willing to face each day's challenges regardless of risk. A **Black Star** represents those who wear the distinctive badge including sheriff and marshall services. A **Red Maltese Cross** recognizes all who have fallen in the emergency response communities. A Gold Shield recognizes all law enforcement and other public safety representatives who wear the shield, including EMT, and have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line duty. **Gold** reflects the value of the life given. A **Folded Flag** signifies the final tribute to an individual life that a family has lost for the sake of others. A **Flame** is an eternal reminder of the spirit that has departed this life yet burns on in the memory of all who knew and loved the fallen hero. We HONOR their selfless service and remember their individual SACRIFICE.

(c) The Honor and Sacrifice Flag may be displayed at the locations listed in (d) of this section on the following dates;

- (1) January 9, National Law Enforcement Day;
- (2) May 4, Firefighters Appreciation Day;
- (3) June 14, Flag Day;
- (4) July 4, Independence Day;
- (5) September 11;

(d) The Honor and Sacrifice Flag may be displayed at the following locations on the days listed above:

- (1) the main municipal office location;
- (2) memorials to first responders
- (3) first responder facilities

(e) This section may not be construed to require an employee to report to work solely for the purpose of displaying the Honor and Sacrifice Flag.

(f) Administration may procure Honor and Sacrifice Flags from Honor and Remember and distribute the flags as needed to municipal agencies to display the Honor and Sacrifice Flags under (c) and (d) of this section.

(g) The administration may adopt regulations to implement this section.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINEOLA, TEXAS, this 25th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Mineola, TEXAS