

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 25-29, 2024 AS “FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS WEEK” IN THE CITY OF EAGLE POINT.

WHEREAS, observing “First Responder Wellness Week” is a tribute to the service of all first responders, and the dedicated members of the City of Eagle Point Police Department; and

WHEREAS, first responders including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, 911 dispatchers, correctional officers, and members of other organizations in the public safety sector, come together to protect and aid our community in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, first responders risk their life and safety every day in the performance of their duties to protect our citizens and are tasked with handling dangerous and complicated situations; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, law enforcement officers will go through an average of 188 critical incidents throughout the course of their career; and

WHEREAS, first responders often experience stress that has real physical impacts including cardiac issues, diabetes, obesity, and sleep issues; and

WHEREAS, first responders are up to 25.6 times higher risk for developing post-traumatic stress disorder when compared to individuals without such experiences; and

WHEREAS, first responder wellness includes management of issues including, but not limited to sleep, fitness, nutrition, fatigue, anger management, posttraumatic stress and loss; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the integral role first responders play in our communities and the benefits derived from their hard work, commitment, sacrifice, and unhesitating dedication; and

WHEREAS, research shows that fostering a strong wellness culture inside first responder agencies enhances relations within the communities they serve.

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAGLE POINT, OREGON, THAT:

1. The City of Eagle Point proclaims March 25-29, 2024 as “First Responder Wellness Week”

Passed in open session on the 12th day of March 2024.


Kathy Sell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cindy Hughes, City Recorder

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
EAGLE POINT, OREGON**

AGENDA STATEMENT

Item Number: 7.1
Meeting Date: March 12, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Resolution No. 2024-19. A Resolution proclaiming March 25-29, 2024 as “First Responder Wellness Week” in the City of Eagle Point.

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Hamilton, Police Chief

SUMMARY EXPLANATION: Observing “First Responder Wellness Week” is a tribute to the service of all first responders, and the dedicated members of the City of Eagle Point Police Department.

First responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, 911 dispatchers, correctional officers and members of other organizations in the public safety sector face some of the most challenging and stressful work environments of any profession. Ensuring first responders mental and physical wellness needs are met is critical. The City of Eagle Point fosters a strong wellness culture to support those members of the community that risk their life and safety every day.

Approval of the proposed Resolution proclaims March 25-29, 2024 as “First Responder Wellness Week” and honors first responders for their hard work, commitment, sacrifice, and unhesitating dedication.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: _____


Aaron Prunty, City Administrator

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of this item.