

RESOLUTION NO. 2724

RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 1 ERNEST E. BUCKLEY DAY IN REMEMBRANCE OF AND HONORING THE CITY OF SELAH'S FIRST TOWN MARSHAL WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN THE LINE OF DUTY

WHEREAS, Ernest (Ernie) E. Buckley was the first official Town Marshal for the Town of Selah and the only Selah police officer to ever be killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, Ernest Buckley originally lived in the city of Spokane before moving to the Wenas area in 1904. After three years of living in the Wenas, he then moved into Selah;

WHEREAS, before becoming the Marshal for Selah Ernest Buckley worked as a guard at a convict labor camp and rock crusher in the Selah gap. While working there, he was responsible for apprehending several escaping convicts;

WHEREAS, in 1915 he was hired by the people of Selah to become the first Town Marshal, unfortunately, he only worked for eight months as Marshal before the night he was shot;

WHEREAS, Ernest Buckley was doing his nightly rounds through the town when he spotted suspicious activity near a bank, formerly located at the corner of Wenas Road and Main Street (now Naches Avenue). After confronting the attempted bank robbers, he was shot three times (once in the leg and twice in the abdomen). The time was 1:30 a.m. on February 29, 1916.

WHEREAS, Ernest Buckley was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Yakima where surgeons attempted to save him. After 27 hours of surgery he passed away on March 1, 1916;

WHEREAS, Ernest Buckley's killers were never apprehended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON that the Selah City Council declares March 1 of each year Ernest E. Buckley day in the City of Selah in remembrance of and honoring Ernest E. Buckley for his service to Selah and for the sacrifice he made on behalf of Selah and its residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON this 12th day of March, 2019.



Sherry Raymond, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Robert F. Noe, City Attorney