



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of our local law enforcement agencies, to include the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, the Grand Junction Police Department, the Palisade Police Department, the Fruita Police Department, Collbran Marshal's Office, De Beque Marshal's Office and the Colorado State Patrol; and
- Whereas,** approximately 50,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported on average each year, resulting in more than 13,000 injuries; and
- Whereas,** since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 21,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including three from local law enforcement agencies. Deputy Edward Innes was killed on September 27, 1906, during an inmate jail escape, Fruita Police Department lost Acting Chief Dan Dalley in June 2001 and most recently, Deputy Derek Geer, Mesa County Sheriff's Department, died after being shot by an armed suspect in February 2016; and
- Whereas,** the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and
- Whereas,** 135 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2019, three of whom were fallen Colorado heroes: Sergeant Joshua Eli Voth, Colorado Department of Corrections; Corporal Daniel H. Groves, Colorado State Patrol; Master Trooper William James Moden, Colorado State Patrol. These three names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, D.C., this year; and
- Whereas,** May 15th is designated Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 10 - 16, 2020 National Police Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 10 - 16, 2020 as

"Police Week"

in the City of Grand Junction, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 6th day of May 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Merrick Taggart".

Mayor

