



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 58,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported on average each year, resulting in more than 18,000 injuries; and

Whereas, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 22,000 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. Most recently, Deputy Derek Geer, of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, died after being shot by an armed suspect in February of 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, 360 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2020, three of whom were fallen Colorado heroes: Detective Curt M. Holland, of the Commerce City Police Department, Ranger Brendan P. Unitt of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources, and Deputy Sheriff Jeffrey C. Hopkins of El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Their names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, D.C., this year; and

Whereas, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 9 through May 15, 2021, is National Police Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.B. McDaniel, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 9 - 15, 2021 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 5th day of May 2021.



Mayor

