



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, there are more than 750,000 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 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported on average each year, resulting in more than 17,000 injuries; and

Whereas, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 27,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including five from local law enforcement agencies: Mesa County Sheriff Deputy Edward Innes was killed on September 27, 1906, during an inmate jail escape, Colorado State Patrol Sergeant Wesley Rosette was killed in a crash on January 31, 1951, Fruita Police Department Acting Chief Dan Dalley was killed in a motorcycle crash in June 2001, Deputy Derek Geer, of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, died after being shot by an armed suspect in February of 2016, and Sergeant Wayne Weyler lost his battle to COVID-19 in December of 2021; 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, 111 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2025; and

Whereas, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 11 through May 16, 2026, is National Police Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cody Kennedy, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 11 - 16, 2026 as

"National 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, 2026.



Cody Kennedy

Mayor