



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are approximately 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 Grand Junction Police Department, the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, the Palisade Police Department, the Fruita Police Department and the Colorado State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, nearly 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 2 from local law enforcement agencies. The Fruita Police Department lost Acting Chief Dan Dalley in June 2001 and Mesa County Sheriff's Deputy Edward Innes was killed in September 27, 1906, during an inmate jail escape; 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 killed in the line of duty in 2013, including fallen Colorado hero, Tom Clements, will have their names added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, D.C. this spring; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored locally during the memorial vigil on the evening of May 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year May 11-17; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2014 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 7th day of May, 2014.

Mayor

