

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 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, more than 20,000 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 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 killed in the line of duty in 2016, three of which were fallen Colorado heroes; Deputy Derek Geer, of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, Corporal Nathan Carrigan, of the Park County Sheriff's Office, and Trooper Cody Donahue, of the Colorado State Patrol. These officer will have their names added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, D.C. this year; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored locally during the candlelight vigil, on the evening of May 19, 2017; and

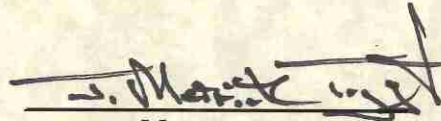
WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15 through May 21, 2017, is National Police Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Merrick Taggart, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2017 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 17th day of May, 2017.


Mayor

