

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 a motorcycle accident 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, 129 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2017, one of which was a fallen Colorado hero; Deputy Zackari Parrish, of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, whose name will be 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 memorial vigil, on the evening of May 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 13 through May 19, 2018 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 13 - 19, 2018 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 2nd day of May, 2018.



J. Merrick Taggart
Mayor

