



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 the Grand Junction Police Department, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, Fruita Police Department, Palisade 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 two local sacrifices who were each members of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office and Fruita Police Department; 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, 362 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 163 officers killed in 2011 and 199 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the annual Memorial Vigil, on the evening of May 15, 2012 in Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 13-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Kenyon, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim May 13 through 19, 2012, as

"POLICE WEEK"

in the City of Grand Junction and along with the rest of the Grand Junction City Council, 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 2012.

Mayor

