

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *there are more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including nearly 500 sworn members of local law enforcement agencies; and*
- WHEREAS,** *more than 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 1792, more than 18,600 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 2 members of local law enforcement agencies; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which was dedicated in 1991 in Washington, D.C.; and*
- WHEREAS,** *126 officers killed in 2009 will have their names added to the wall in Washington, D.C. this year; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored, and the names of the officers newly engraved on the Memorial will be formally dedicated, during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 22nd Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Thursday, May 13, 2010, in Washington D.C. and a memorial ceremony will be held locally on the same date at the County Building; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 9-15; and*
- WHEREAS,** *May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, with federal law (P.L. 103-322) directing that all flags be flown at half-staff on that date in honor of fallen officers and their families.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Hill, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, formally declare May 9-15, 2010, 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.

I further call upon all citizens of the City of Grand Junction to observe Saturday, May 15th, as

“Peace Officers' Memorial Day”

in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 3rd day of May, 2010.

Mayor