

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, 133 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in 2008 nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of Grand Junction play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Grand Junction unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregg Palmer, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, call upon all citizens of the City and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 10-16, 2009, as

“National Police Week”

with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of the City of Grand Junction to observe Friday, 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 4th day of May, 2009.

Mayor