

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated the week of May 12-18, 2013 as National Police Week and May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Olympia Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of those who enjoy and value the City as a place to live, work or visit; and

WHEREAS, it is important that our citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement employees; and

WHEREAS, it is important that our law enforcement employees recognize their duty to serve the community by safeguarding life and property; by maintaining order; and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Olympia Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service to the citizens of Olympia;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the week of May 12-18, 2013 as Police Week and calls upon residents of Olympia to join in commemorating all law enforcement officers and employees, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have earned for themselves an enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

We further direct that flags at all government buildings in the City to be displayed at half-staff on Wednesday, May 15, in observance of Peace Officers' Memorial Day

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2013.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Stephen H. Buxbaum
Mayor***