

**In Recognition of  
National Police Week  
May 11 thru May 17, 2014**

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

- WHEREAS,** there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving all the communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department; and
- WHEREAS,** some 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, over 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty including 12 members of the Fort Lauderdale 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,** 286 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial this spring, including 100 officers killed in 2013 and 186 officers killed in previous years; and
- WHEREAS,** the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of Friday, May 13, 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year May 11th thru May 17th; and
- WHEREAS,** May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE,** as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **May 11-17, 2014** as:

**National Police Week**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do publicly salute the service of men and women in the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and all the law enforcement officers protecting us in all communities across this great nation.

**DATED this,** the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

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**Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler**

