

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: In 1962 Congress and the President of the United States signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week"; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Bellevue Police Department; and

WHEREAS: This service comes at a price, with nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries, and more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have been killed in the line of duty, including 291 in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS: The dedicated men and women of the Bellevue Police Department provide this vital public service day and night, enforcing the law, safeguarding the lives and property, rights and freedoms of every community member;

Now, therefore, I, Claudia Balducci, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the City's recognition and appreciation of our law enforcement officers, past and present, by designating this week as

National Police Week

In recognition of the service given by these men and women who stand guard to preserve the rights at security of all citizens.

Further, the City Council calls upon the citizens of Bellevue to observe May 15, 2015 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in honor of those fallen law enforcement officers and those who became disabled in the performance of their duty, and recognize and offer our respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Claudia Balducci
Mayor