

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 14,000 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, John Stokes**, 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 the week of **May 15-21, 2016** 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, 2016** 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.

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John Stokes  
Mayor