



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

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: There have been 60,211 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2017, resulting in approximately 17,476 injuries; and

Whereas: Since the first recorded death in 1791, nearly 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; 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: 371 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 158 officers killed in 2018 and 213 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 31st Annual Candlelight Vigil, on May 13; and

Whereas: May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 12-18, 2019 as:**

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in Bellevue and encourage all residents and businesses to recognize and express appreciation for our law enforcement officers for their honorable profession in public service to us all.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue