

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 17-0544

Declaring May 15 as National Peace Officer Day and the Week of May 15 as National Police Week

WHEREAS, in 1961 President John F. Kennedy issued an Executive Order declaring May 15 National Peace Officer Day and the week of May 15 as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, during its one hundred and fifty-eight-year history, the more than ten thousand individuals who have comprised the Denver Police Department have played an essential role in safeguarding the rights, freedoms, lives and property of the people of Denver; and

WHEREAS, during its one hundred and fifty-eight-year history, seventy-two men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to the people of the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Department and the Denver Police Museum have undertaken a project to place memorial signs to honor our fallen heroes at the locations where they fell; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Department and the Denver Police Museum will honor the following fallen officers this coming year with memorial signs: Thomas Durkin, who lost his life on January 17, 1929; Thomas J. O'Connor, March 5, 1934; Fred Renovato, October 13, 1938; Virgil Hall, July 5, 1945; William Claassen, February 11, 1953; Donald L. Seick, January 12, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Department and the Denver Police Museum also plan to hold special memorial ceremonies to mark the twentieth anniversary of both Ronald DeHerrera and Bruce VanderJagt's sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Department and the Denver Police Foundation has recognized the following active officers for outstanding service this past year including: Troy Smith – Preservation of Life; David Timmerman – Preservation of Life; David Wiley – Medal of Valor; Craig Miner – Preservation of Life; Alex Solano – Preservation of Life; Zachary Currier – Preservation of Life; Kyle Saunier – Preservation of Life; John Adsit – Purple Heart; Anthony Pequeno – Medal of Valor; Roman Yepishin – Medal of Valor; Adam Foisy – Medal of Valor; Anthony Lopez – Medal of Honor/Purple Heart; Jeffrey Jenkins – Preservation of Life; Ron Oreskovich – Officer of the Year; Richard Blea – Above and Beyond; and Daniel Felkins for saving the life of Tony Lopez, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is important that people know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that the members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence, or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver declares May 15 and the week of May 15 as Peace Officer Memorial Day and Police Week to honor the active, retired and deceased members of the Denver Police Department who have faithfully performed their duty to protect and serve the citizens of the City and County of Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 15, 2017

PRESIDENT