

## **Proclamation**

***WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 9 – 15, 2010 to be dedicated as “National Police Week” and May 15th of each year to be Police Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State and Municipal Officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty; and***

***WHEREAS on average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty in the United States every 53 hours; and***

***WHEREAS, the members of the Albany Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our residents; and***

***WHEREAS Albany Police officers are committed to the highest professional standards, and working in partnership with our citizens to meet the challenges of reducing crime, creating a safe environment, and improving our quality of life; and***

***WHEREAS, it is important that all members of our community know and understand the duties, responsibilities, sacrifices, and hazards facing their law enforcement officers, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and***

***WHEREAS the City of Albany is proud of our law enforcement officers and wish to recognize their commitment to the public safety profession;***

***NOW THEREFORE, I, Joanne Wile, Mayor of Albany, proclaim the week of May 9 - 15, 2010 as Police Week, and call upon all community members and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our community may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all.***

***I further proclaim Saturday May 15, 2010 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and call upon the community of Albany to observe this day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.***

***Joanne Wile  
Mayor of Albany***