

City of Albany
Proclamation

**IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
AND PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

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

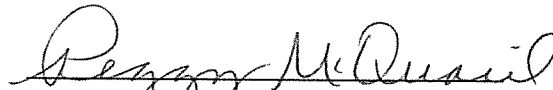
WHEREAS, it is important that all members of our community know and understand the duties, responsibilities, sacrifices, and hazards facing their law enforcement officers, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is proud of our police officers and wishes to recognize their commitment to the public safety profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes the week of May 13, 2017 through May 19, 2018 as Police Week, and calls 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

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes May 15, 2018 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and authorizes the lowering of all American flags flown over City of Albany facilities to half-mast on this date. Furthermore, we 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 the fallen.


Peggy McQuaid, Mayor