



PROCLAMATION

Police Week

May 12-18, 2019

WHEREAS: By a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962, as amended, (76 Stat. 676), the Congress has authorized and requested the President to designate May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Week, and, by Public Law 103-322, as amended, (36 U.S.C. 136), has directed that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS: It is important that citizens know and understand the duties, hazards and sacrifices of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people, by safeguarding life and property, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against intimidation or oppression; and

WHEREAS: Peace Officers Memorial Day was established to honor law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Frederick Police Department serve the people of Frederick with tested, and community-oriented strategies, and they play an essential role safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the public, and play an increasingly important role as the first line of defense against domestic terrorism; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Michael O'Connor, proclaim May 12-18, 2019, as **National Police Week**; I further encourage everyone in Frederick to observe Wednesday, May 15, 2019, as **Peace Officers Memorial Day**, in honor of law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and to recognize and pay respect to their survivors.

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