

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the week of **Sunday, May 13, 2018 through Saturday, May 19, 2018**, as "National Police Week" and **Monday, May 15, 2018** as "Police Officers' Memorial Day in the Borough of Paramus".

WHEREAS, we recognize the dangers to law enforcement officers everywhere and the personal sacrifices they make. Since the first recorded police death in 1791, there have been **21,541** law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are **360** names being engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D. C. and **129** law enforcement officers having lost their lives in the line of duty in the calendar year of 2017.

WHEREAS, National Peace Officers' Memorial Day is held on May 15th of each year; and

WHEREAS, across the United States the week of **Sunday, May 13, 2018 through Saturday, May 19, 2018**, is recognized as "National Police Week"; and

WHEREAS, the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day was held on May 15, 1982, and has continued to be observed annually in memory of those police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Paramus honors the memory of those police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty in this Borough, this State and this Country; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Borough of Paramus recognizes the week of **Sunday, May 13, 2018 through Saturday, May 19, 2018**, as "National Police Week" and **May 15, 2018**, as "Police Officers' Memorial Day in the Borough of Paramus."

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. The law was amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, signed by President Bill Clinton, directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15th each year. While the actual dates change from year to year, National Police Week is always the calendar week, beginning on Sunday, which includes May 15th.



Richard LaBarbiera, Mayor