

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. Since that time, National Police Week has been a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community, including: the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), which produces the annual Candlelight Vigil; the Fraternal Order of Police and Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary (FOP/FPOA), which organize the Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at the U.S. Capitol; and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), which holds the National Police Survivors' Conference; and

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's focus for 2021 is Officer Safety and Wellness. Their goal is to encourage law enforcement through daily morning workouts, a suicide prevention program, a special Destination Zero Cardiac Wellness Screening, and an Officer Safety and Wellness Product Showcase throughout the week; and

WHEREAS, the Police Unity Tour, started in 1997 by Police Officer Patrick Montuore from New Jersey, is a multi-day bicycle ride starting from a set location and ending at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Officer Montuore's idea was to raise money and public awareness about law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and ensure their sacrifice is never forgotten. What started as 18 riders from New Jersey in its inception, has grown into 2,600 members nationwide who make the trip annually; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach Police Department will participate once more in the Police Unity Tour, making it their fifth year. In past years, Ormond Beach members would start in Virginia and ride 250 miles in three days. This year, Ormond Beach members will start in Tallahassee, Florida and ride over 300 miles in four days; they will end at the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum in Titusville. All funds raised from the Police Unity Tour will be donated to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 9-15, 2021, as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in honoring the thousands of men and women of local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives to protect the freedom of others, while safeguarding and preserving the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of this great nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor