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MAYOR DEANNA REED

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**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 20,
2023 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

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 Harrisonburg Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City; 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 the Harrisonburg Police Department 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 men and women of the Harrisonburg Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Deanna Reed, Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, call upon all citizens of Harrisonburg and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 14-20, 2023, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people 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 citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Harrisonburg to observe Monday, May 15th, as Peace Officers' Memorial 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.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Harrisonburg to be affixed.

BY: _____

Deanna Reed, Mayor

Attest: _____

Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk