



**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 11 THROUGH
MAY 17, 2025 AS POLICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Harrisonburg Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service, and report for duty every day with the knowledge of the dangers they may face and the sacrifices they may be called upon to make to safeguard the public and enforce the laws of the Commonwealth; 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, and by protecting them against violence and disorder; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize their sacrifices, as well as the hardship and loss suffered by the families of those fallen officers; and

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;

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 11-17, 2025**, 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 **Thursday, May 15th**, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers, 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