



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Charleston Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, there were 60,211 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2017, resulting in approximately 17,476 injuries;

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 21 members of the City of Charleston Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, the names of the dedicated public servants killed in the line of duty are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

**WHEREAS**, 371 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 158 officers killed in 2018 and 213 officers killed in previous years;

**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 31st Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

**WHEREAS**, we publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation and thank them for safeguarding the lives of our citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston, on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim May 12–18, 2019 in the City of Charleston to be:

### **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Charleston to be affixed, this 12th day of May in the year of 2019.



John L. Tecklenburg, Mayor

