

Proclamation for National Police Week 2022

To recognize National Police Week 2022 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of our local law enforcement agencies, to include the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, the Grand Junction Police Department, the Palisade Police Department, the Fruita Police Department, Collbran Marshal's Office, De Beque Marshal's Office, and the Colorado State Patrol;

WHEREAS, approximately 58,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported on average each year, resulting in more than 17,000 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including five from local law enforcement agencies. Mesa County Sheriff Deputy Edward Innes was killed on September 27, 1906, during an inmate jail escape. Colorado State Patrol Sergeant Wesley Rosette was killed in a crash on January 31, 1951. Fruita Police Department Acting Chief Dan Dalley was killed in a motorcycle crash in June 2001. Deputy Derek Geer, of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, died after being shot by an armed suspect in February of 2016. Most recently, Sergeant Wayne Weyler lost his battle to COVID-19 in December of 2021.

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

WHEREAS, 472 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2021, nine of whom were fallen Colorado heroes: Officer Gordon Beesley of the Arvada Police Department, Sergeant Eric Scherr of the Aurora Police Department, Officer Eric Talley of the Boulder Police Department, Deputy Sheriff James Herrera of the Denver Sheriff's Department, Deputy Sheriff Duke Trujillo of the Denver Sheriff's Department, Detective Joe Pollack of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff Clay Zachary Livingston of the Elbert County Sheriff's Office, Officer Ty Powell of the Windsor Police Department, and Sergeant Wayne Weyler of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. Their names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, D.C., this year;

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15 through May 21, 2022, is National Police Week;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Fruita formally designates May 15-21, 2022, as Police Week in the City of Fruita, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of the City of Fruita this 17th day of May, 2022.

Joel Kincaid, Mayor

