

Proclamation

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; and

Whereas, Approximately 56,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported on average each year, resulting in more than 17,000 injuries; and

Whereas, Since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 24,000 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, and Sergeant Wayne Weyler lost his battle to COVID-19 in December of 2021; and

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

Whereas, 145 officers were killed in the line of duty in 2024, one of whom was fallen Colorado hero:
Officer Evan Dunn of the Golden Police Department. His name will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located in Washington, D.C., this year; and

Whereas, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025, is National Police Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Fruita City Council on behalf of Mayor Breman of the City of Fruita, Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 11 - 17, 2025 as

"National Police Week"

in the City of Fruita, and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Fruita this 6th day of May, 2025.



Mayor