

Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

National Law Enforcement Day

May 15, 2016

WHEREAS, The Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officer Memorial Day, and the corresponding week as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 59 Commissioned Officers as well as 3 Commissioned Reserve Officers of the Longview Police Department; and

WHEREAS, some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

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; and

WHEREAS, 124 names will join those dedicated public servants whose names are engraved on the walls of Washington D.C.'s National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including two from the State of Washington; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Jensen, Mayor of the City of Longview, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2016 as **National Police Week** in Longview, Washington and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. I further direct, Pursuant to Public Law 103-322, that all flags be flown at half-staff on Monday, May 16, 2016 on **Peace Officer's Memorial Day**, in honor of the fallen officers and their families.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be affixed this 12th day of May 2016.

Don Jensen, Mayor