

Proclamation

City of Longview, Washington

National Police Week

May 13 – May 19, 2012

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; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 55 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 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; 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, 362 names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis P. Weber, Mayor of the City of Longview, do hereby proclaim May 13-19, 2012, as Police Week in Longview, Washington and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. We further direct that pursuant to Public Law 103-322 that all flags be flown at half-staff on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, Peace Officer's Memorial Day, in honor of 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 10th day of May 2012.

Dennis P. Weber, Mayor