

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty, including West Covina Police Officers Frederik Jan Ham, Jay Warren Jackson, and Kenneth Scott Wrede; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are forever engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and where the names of recently fallen Law Enforcement Officers continue to be added annually; and

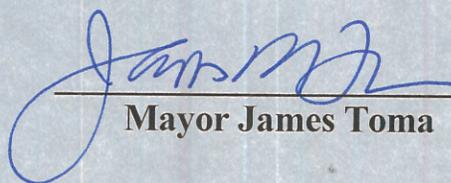
WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers actively serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated men and women of the West Covina Police Department, who unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Toma, Mayor of the City of West Covina, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 – 21, 2016, as *National Police Week* in the City of West Covina, and call upon all citizens and organizations in West Covina to commemorate this week with appropriate observances recognizing law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities, preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of West Covina to observe May 15, 2016, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their own courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

On this 3rd day of May, 2016




Mayor James Toma