

**PROCLAMATION AFFIRMING THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2018 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND
RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE LINE OF
DUTY**

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, established by a joint resolution of Congress, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, across the United States, one hundred and thirty five peace officers were killed in the line of duty in 2017; and

WHEREAS, 8 California peace officers and 1 Police K-9 were killed in the line of duty in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hercules Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the Hercules community; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of our law enforcement agencies, and that members of our law enforcement agencies 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, the men and women of the Hercules Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Chris Kelley, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, call upon all citizens of Hercules and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13th through the 19th of 2018, as Police Memorial Week and commemorate law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Hercules to observe May 15, 2018 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their 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.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 8th day of May, 2018

Chris Kelley, Mayor