



**A PROCLAMATION
National Police Week
May 12 – May 18, 2019**

WHEREAS, There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Davidson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, There have been 60,21 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2018, resulting in approximately 17,476 injuries. Since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 21,910 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one of our own, Davidson Police Officer Mark Swaney; 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, 371 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 158 officers killed in 2018 and 213 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund's 31st Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this from May 12-18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

WHEREAS, With appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities. Particularly 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Rusty Knox, Mayor of the Town of Davidson, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12th to May 18th, 2019 as: ***"National Police Week"*** and Tuesday, May 15th as ***"Peace Officers' Memorial Day"***, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Proclaimed this the 14th day of May, 2019.

Rusty Knox, Mayor