



# Proclamation



## National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day

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

**WHEREAS**, over 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in over 17,000 injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 570 members of North Carolina Law Enforcement Agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the 87<sup>th</sup> Congress passed Public Law 87-726, a Joint Resolution authorizing the president to proclaim May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the calendar week during which May 15<sup>th</sup> occurs as Police Week; this was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy on October 1, 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Town of Carrboro Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the Town of Carrboro, unceasingly providing a vital public service without which our town would not enjoy the peace and liberty that we value; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of our law enforcement officers, 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 12-18, 2019** as "**Police Week**" and call upon all organizations and residents to observe and commemorate law enforcement officers, past and present, who have rendered dedicated service to their communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that **Wednesday, May 15, 2019** is proclaimed as "**Peace Officers' Memorial Day**." I call upon all residents of the Town of Carrboro to honor those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or became disabled in their performance of their duty.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor