

**Proclamation
National Police Week
May 15 – 21, 2016**

To recognize National Police Week 2016 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week;

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police has declared law enforcement officer safety and wellness a top priority, and the IACP's Center for Officer Safety and Wellness promotes the importance of individual, agency, family, and community safety and wellness awareness; and

WHEREAS, as members of the law enforcement agency of Nevada, Missouri play an essential role in safeguarding the rights of freedoms of the citizens of this country; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the police department of Nevada, Missouri has grown to be modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Brian L. Leonard call upon all citizens of Nevada, Missouri and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15 – May 21, 2016, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, 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 Nevada to observe May 15, 2016, as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of May, 2016.

Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk

Brian L. Leonard, Mayor