



Proclamation

Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day

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; and

WHEREAS, the 84 certified police officers of the City of Griffin, Georgia play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Griffin; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their law enforcement agencies, and that members of those departments 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 the City of Griffin has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital and dependable public service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the City of Griffin Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 15, 2015 as

“Griffin Peace Officers Memorial Day”

and the entire week surrounding, May 10 – 16, 2015, as ***“Griffin Police Week.”***

The City of Griffin urges all citizens and patriotic, civil, and educational organizations to pause and reflect on the contributions of police officers, and to observe Griffin Police Week with appropriate ceremonies so that all 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 this community, thereby establishing for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of our citizens.

We further call upon all citizens of Griffin to observe Friday, May 15, 2015 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in tribute to those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty. National statistics show that 140-160 police officers lose their lives each year in the line of duty. The City of Griffin so directs that the United States flag shall be flown at half-staff on its government buildings in memory of these brave officers. Theirs is an indelible legacy, fixed in our collective memory, and we are grateful for their service.

We hereby declare that a copy of this Proclamation be spread upon the minutes of this Board’s proceedings, reflecting that I, as Chairman, have hereunto caused the Seal of the City of Griffin to be affixed on this, the twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

Douglas S. Hollberg, Chairman

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager