



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
MAY 12, 2024 TO MAY 18, 2024 AS POLICE WEEK  
AND MAY 15, 2024 AS PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those officers who, through their courageous deeds, lost their lives or become disabled in the performance of duty, and the week in which that date falls as Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers in the United States, over 27,000 employed in the State of Ohio employed by around 900 local law enforcement agencies, and 30 sworn officers currently serving the City of New Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Albany Police Department is dedicated to city's mission and values by providing superior law enforcement services with a commitment to community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, our nation lost 136 officers and the State of Ohio lost 3 officers, in the line of duty, including deaths attributed to firearms, traffic incidents, physical injury, and duty-related illness; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 96,000 sworn law enforcement officers - about 12% of officers serving in the United States - are women; the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial contains the names of 472 Fallen Sisters; 10 women officers were killed in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of New Albany wishes to express its gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of all law enforcement officers, for the risks they take daily, and for the contributions they have made to their communities.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of the council and residents of New Albany, do hereby proclaim **May 12, 2024 to May 18, 2024** as **POLICE WEEK** and **May 15, 2024** as **PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY** in New Albany, and invite citizens to observe and participate in commemorating our law enforcement officers.

**WHEREBY**, I set my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
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Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

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