



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
MAY 9, 2021 TO MAY 15, 2021 AS POLICE WEEK
AND MAY 15, 2021 AS PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kenney 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 700,000 sworn law enforcement officers in the United States, over 25,000 employed in the State of Ohio, and 26 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 and maintaining national accreditation, which increases officers' accountability, professionalism, and commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, the New Albany Police Department completed more than 1,724 service training hours in 12 months, including ethics, de-escalation, biased-based and crisis intervention training for all sworn staff, and received a 94% or higher approval rating from residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, our nation lost 362 officers, 234 due to COVID-19, and the State of Ohio lost 4 officers, in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Albany wishes to express its gratitude for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of law enforcement officers, 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 9, 2021 to May 15, 2021** as **POLICE WEEK** and **May 15, 2021** 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 4th day of May, 2021.

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Sloan T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor