



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING  
MAY 14, 2023 TO MAY 20, 2023 AS POLICE WEEK  
AND MAY 15, 2023 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 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 total sworn law enforcement officers currently serving the City of New Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, our nation lost 245 officers, and the State of Ohio lost 5 officers, in the line of duty, many due firearms, traffic incidents, physical injury, and duty-related illness; 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

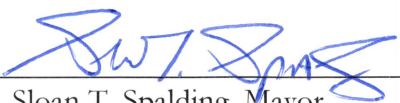
**WHEREAS**, our police officers are surrounded by technology and modern tools that make policing better, although not necessarily easier; this includes complex software and giant databases - like the National Crime Information Center, tightly-outfitted cruisers, body armor, body cams, GPS-assisted phone location and crash reconstruction, text-to-911, field force capabilities, shields, less-than-lethal rounds, stop sticks, a police dog tracker and climate-controlled crate, and even police bikes have lights and sirens; and

**WHEREAS**, these diverse tools mean today's officers and leadership have to be trained to work physically, emotionally, and technologically on dozens of systems which add to officer safety, efficiency, and accountability; 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 14, 2023 to May 20, 2023** as **POLICE WEEK** and **May 15, 2023** 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor