



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
MAY 10, 2020 to MAY 16, 2020 AS POLICE WEEK AND
MAY 15, 2020 AS PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kenney designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have 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 now serving in the United States, over 25,000 employed in the State of Ohio, and 24 officers currently serving the City of New Albany; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, our nation lost 146 officers and the State of Ohio lost 3 officers, plus 1 K9, in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, many Police Week and Peace Officer Memorial Day events had to be canceled this year due to COVID-19 precautions, however, police officers remain important first responders during this time, taking extraordinary risks to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund will be holding their 32nd Annual Candlelight Vigil virtually on May 13th to honor those fallen; 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 the security and well-being of New Albany and the United States.

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 10, 2020 to May 16, 2020 as **POLICE WEEK** and May 15, 2020 as **PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY** in New Albany, and invite citizens to observe and participate in commemorating law enforcement officers who have rendered service to their communities.

I set my hand and seal this 5th day of May, 2020.



Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor