



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
MAY 11, 2025 TO MAY 17, 2025 AS POLICE WEEK
AND MAY 15, 2025 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 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 the city's mission and values by providing superior law enforcement services with a commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, our nation lost 165 officers and the State of Ohio lost 4 officers, in the line of duty, including deaths attributed to firearms, traffic incidents, physical injury, and duty-related illness; and

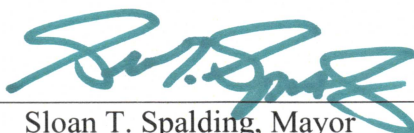
WHEREAS, our New Albany police officers are first responders, individuals with specialized training who are among the first to arrive at the scene of an emergency to provide immediate assistance, often risking their own lives to save others; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2025, after a 911 call reporting a deadly shooting in the business park, New Albany officers raced to the scene not knowing what they would find, arrived within 4 minutes of the initial report, and coordinated with state and federal agencies to apprehend the suspect within 12 hours of the tragic and shocking incident; 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 11, 2025 to May 17, 2025 as POLICE WEEK** and **May 15, 2025 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 6th day of May, 2025.


Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor