



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING
MAY 11, 2026 TO MAY 16, 2026 AS POLICE WEEK
AND MAY 15, 2026 AS PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15th of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those officers who 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, and 30 sworn officers currently serving the City of New Albany; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Albany is committed to providing superior training and work facilities for the New Albany Police Department and is demonstrating its commitment through its investment in a 5,750 square foot building addition to the existing police station and through its investment in a new 9,500 square foot police training facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, our nation lost 111 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 May 7, 2026 the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and the law enforcement community will honor and remember 6 fallen officers at the 38th Ohio Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony; 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, 2026 to May 16, 2026** as **POLICE WEEK** and **May 15, 2026** as **PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY** in New Albany.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 5th day of May, 2026.


Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

