

PROCLAMATION

Police Week May 9 – 15, 2021

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 9-15, 2021, to be dedicated as "*National Police Week*" and May 15 of each year to be "*Police Memorial Day*" in honor of the federal, state, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS it is known that on average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 55 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1786, more than 21,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS law enforcement officers, including City of Albany Police Officers are our guardians of life and property and defenders of the individual rights of freedom; and

WHEREAS the City of Albany is proud of our law enforcement officers and wish to recognize their commitment to the public safety profession; and

WHEREAS the Albany Police Department and officers provide the highest quality services and are committed to the highest professional standards, working in partnership with our community, to meet the challenges of reducing crime, creating a safe environment, and improving our quality of life.

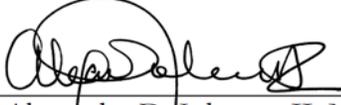
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim May 9-15, 2021, as

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in Albany, Oregon, to call attention to Albany Police Officers for the outstanding service they provide to our community. I also call upon our residents and businesses to express thanks to the men and women who make it possible for us to leave our homes and family in safety each day and return to our homes knowing they are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property, and government against all who would violate the law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 12th day of May 2021.



Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor