

A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Isle of Palms Police Department; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, yet none from the Isle of Palms Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 286 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 100 officers killed in 2013 and 186 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 26th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 11-17; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

So, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this day, April 29, 2014, that the Mayor and City Council of the Isle of Palms, on behalf of the City, do hereby publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.



Dick Cronin, Mayor