

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK & PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 2016

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of Bergen County play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of each municipality and the County; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agencies of Bergen County with its seventy municipalities unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders call upon all citizens of the county and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15-21, 2016, as police week, observing and commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Bergen do further call upon citizens of the County to observe May 15, 2016, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah will be conducting its annual Police Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 10:00 am in accordance to the observance and remembrance of Bergen County's own fallen law enforcement officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the seventy municipalities, the Police Department of each municipality, the Bergen County Prosecutor, Bergen County Sheriff, the Chief of the County Police Department, the Bergen County Director of Public Safety and the offices of the Bergen County 200 Club.

MICHAEL KAZIMIR, Mayor
May 18, 2016