NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

In recognition of National Police Week 2025 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Town of Belleair Police Department;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States who have made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty, including one member of the Belleair Police Department;

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

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty was honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 37th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will was observed this year May 11th-17th;

WHEREAS, May 15th was 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE WILKINSON, Mayor of the Town of Belleair, Florida, do hereby proclaim and acknowledge May 15, 2025 as

PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

And further proclaim and acknowledge the week of May 11th – 17th, 2025 as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

In the Town of Belleair, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in out community and in communities across the nation.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of the TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, this 20th day of MAY, 2025.

MIKE WILKINSON, MAYOR