

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which the day falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the of the law enforcement agency of Belleair play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens; 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 agency 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 Belleair Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARY H. KATICA, Mayor of the Town of Belleair, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2017 as

PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

And further proclaim the week of May 14-20, 2017 as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

And urge all citizens to honor those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

**Given under my hand and seal of
the Town of Belleair, Florida this
18th day of April, 2017.**

Mayor