

Proclamation

To recognize National Police Week 2016 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 approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Hapeville;

WHEREAS, there have been 15,725 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2014, resulting in approximately 13,824 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

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

WHEREAS, 252 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 123 officers killed in 2015 and 129 officers killed in previous years;

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 28th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2016;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 15-21; NOTE: Because May 15, 2016 falls on a Sunday, some events will take place before the official dates of police week 2016.

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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council formally designates May 15-21, 2016, as Police Week in City of Hapeville, Georgia, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.