## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Congress and President of the United States in 1962 designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which is falls as Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, these annual observations provide the opportunity for all people join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, for dedicated service to their community; and

**WHEREAS**, members of our community should know and understand the responsibilities of their police officers and recognize their duty to serve; and

**WHEREAS**, officers of the Salem Police Department play an essential role in protecting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, with dedication and commitment, our Salem Police officers defend our homes, schools and places of employment, and keep us safe as we go about our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, officers do not let down their guard, we should not forget our gratitude to them for facing untold risks in the line of duty; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim May 14-20, 2017, as

## **POLICE WEEK**

and ask the community to mourn the fallen, as well as salute the men and women who do the difficult, dangerous work, of safeguarding our community.

DATED this eighth day of May, 2017.

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