

PROCLAMATION



RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK MAY 13 – 19, 2007

WHEREAS; 45 years ago, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law #87-726, naming May 15th as a national day of remembrance for all lost law enforcement lives. Just one year later, Dallas Patrolman J.D. Tippits was gunned down in the mud-filled gutters of 10th Street while attempting to capture Kennedy's assassin; and

WHEREAS; on average, an American Law Enforcement Officer was killed every 56 hours in the line of duty in this country, in 2005. It is the only profession that calls upon its members to save a life; deliver a life; take a life; or sacrifice their own life on a moments notice without hesitation. More than 40,000 men and women have died in the line of duty as police officers in America since Sheriff John Sherron was first shot in New England in 1717; and,

WHEREAS; the members of the law enforcement agency of Las Vegas play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Southern Nevada. The men and women of this agency unceasingly provide a vital public service; and,

WHEREAS; we call upon all citizens of Southern Nevada and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13 – 19, 2007, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in 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, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; and

THEREFORE, we the Mayor and City Council for the City of Las Vegas, call upon all citizens to honor all law enforcement officers and the 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 let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes and recognize May 13 – 19, 2007 to be;

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in the City of Las Vegas.

