

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

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Knoxville Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Knoxville; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, the police department of Knoxville has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1791 approximately 24,190 peace officers have lost their lives in the line of duty including 204 in Iowa, 3 in Marion County, and 1 from Knoxville;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Brian Hatch, call upon all citizens of Knoxville and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 10 through 16, 2020, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

**I FURTHER** call upon all citizens of Knoxville to observe Friday, May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or become disabled in the performance of duty.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Knoxville, Iowa to be affixed.

**DONE** at the City of Knoxville, Iowa this 4th day of May, 2020.

Brian Hatch, Mayor