

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Spotswood Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been 15,548 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2015, resulting in approximately 14,453 injuries; and

**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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 394 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 143 officers killed in 2016 and 251 officers killed in previous years; and

**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 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil in Washington, D.C. on the evening of May 13, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, be it noted that, because May 14, 2017 falls on a Sunday, some events will take place before the official dates of Police Week 2017; and

**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;

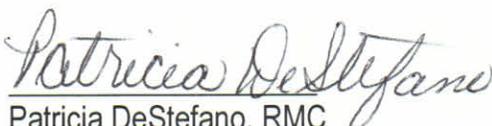
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, formally designate **MAY 14 - 20, 2017**, as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. We call upon all citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation to the Police Officers of Spotswood, led by Dr. Michael Zarro, Chief of Police, by deed, remark, and attitude. We further encourage our citizens to observe **POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** to honor those peace officers who have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.



**DATED: MAY 8, 2017**

  
Ed Seely  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Patricia DeStefano, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

