



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 15,725 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2014, resulting in approximately 13,824 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, 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; 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 28th Annual Candlelight Vigil in Washington, D.C. on the evening of May 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, be it noted that, because May 15, 2016 falls on a Sunday, some events will take place before the official dates of Police Week 2016; 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, Nicholas Poliseno, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, formally designates May 15 - 21, 2016, 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 for the Police Officers of Spotswood by deed, remark, and attitude.

DATED: MAY 16, 2016

Nicholas Poliseno
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk