NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officer Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

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

WHEREAS, there were 15,548 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2015, resulting in approximately 14,453 injuries;

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;

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

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;

WHEREAS, Kalama's late Police Chief Randall Gibson will be honored for his service with his name added to the Washington State Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Olympia;

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 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2017 as part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 14-20, 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council Members of Kalama, WA formally designate May 14-20, 2017, as Police Week in Kalama and publically salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and the communities across the nation. We further direct that pursuant to Public Law 103-322 that all flags be flown at half-staff on Monday, May 15, 2017, Peace Officer's Memorial Day, in honor of the fallen officers and their families.

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Mayor Pete Poulsen

Attest:

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Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer