

WHEREAS; During Police Week it is appropriate for all communities across our nation to honor the brave men and women of law enforcement who have answered the call to serve and protect our residents, and;

WHEREAS; on Peace Officers Memorial Day we pause to remember all those who have lost their lives and all who have suffered permanent disabilities defending their communities and the rule of law and,

WHEREAS; This year we especially honor our law enforcement heroes who have been affected by and or lost in the battle against the coronavirus, and

WHEREAS; According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, there were 146 line of duty deaths and 28 line of duty K9 deaths resulting from a variety causes such as assault, explosions, gunfire, heart attacks, struck by vehicle, and training accidents, and;

WHEREAS: In our borough, we continue to mourn the loss of Officer Ray Woods, who sustained life ending injuries from a house fire in 1972, and;

WHEREAS; Throughout our nation's and boroughs history, our law enforcement officials have never wavered in the face of danger, crisis, tragedy and during unpredictable circumstances and continue to protect the people they serve, and;

WHEREAS; our Nation's peace officers embody the courage and honor that represent the best of America. On Peace Officers Memorial Day and during Police Week, we express our gratitude for the selfless public servants

WHEREAS: My administration remains committed to providing our police department the training and resources necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents and continue maintaining our boroughs position as one of the safest communities in our county, state and country, and;

WHEREAS: In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michael Putrino, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2020 as

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

and designate the week of May 10 – May 16th as

POLICE WEEK

in New Milford and urge all citizens to pay tribute to our Police Officers and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protect our national health, safety and quality of life.

Mayor Michael Putrino