PROCLAMATION

Recognizing May 12-18, 2019 as Police Week and
May 15, 2019 as Police Officer's Memorial Day

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States designated May 15, 2019, as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of Joplin play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Joplin; 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; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and remember the 163 law enforcement officers that were killed in the line of duty in 2018; and

WHERAS, we especially remember the 19 officers with the Joplin Police Department that have given the ultimate sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary L. Shaw, Mayor of the City of Joplin, call upon all citizens of Joplin, and all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12 - 18, 2019, 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 Joplin, to observe Wednesday, May 15, 2019, as **POLICE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY** in honor of those peace officers who through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this 15th day of May 2019.

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Gary L. Shaw, Mayor