

**PROCLAIMING MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 21, 2023 AS  
NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL WEEK  
IN THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated Monday, May 15, 2023 as *Peace Officers' Memorial Day*, and the week in which it falls as *National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Week*; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of the City of Colonial Heights play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our City; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices 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 and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, two Police Officers, Curtis R. Mason and Railroad Detective Lyle B. Clements, gave their lives in service to the citizens of Colonial Heights, and should be remembered; and

WHEREAS, the police department of the City of Colonial Heights has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor of the City of Colonial Heights, call upon all its citizens and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations, to observe the week of May 15, 2023 through May 21, 2023 as *National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Week*, with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement 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 the City of Colonial Heights to observe Monday, May 15, 2023, as *Peace Officers' Memorial Day* in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

SIGNED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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T. Gregory Kochuba, Mayor

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Pamela B. Wallace, City Clerk