

# Proclamation

## *National Police Week 2017*

**WHEREAS**, Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15, 2017 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day” and the week in which it 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 Clayton Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of our law enforcement agency of Clayton play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our Town; and

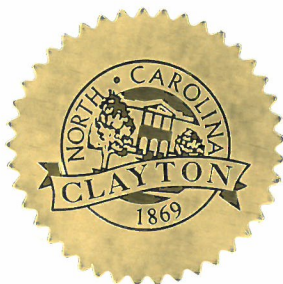
**WHEREAS**, it is important for all citizens to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

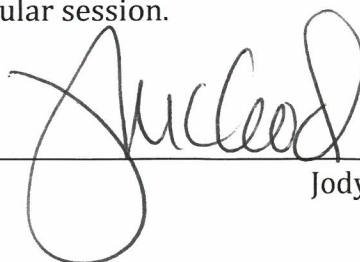
**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund’s 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jody McLeod, Mayor of the Town of Clayton, North Carolina, call upon our citizens and all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15-21, 2017 as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** recognizing all law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities.

I further call upon all citizens to observe May 15, 2017 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day” to honor our law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have been disabled in the performance of their duties, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Duly adopted this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017 while in regular session.



  
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Jody McLeod  
Mayor