

**WHEREAS**, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15, 2014 as Police Memorial Day and the week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated men and women who have chosen law enforcement as a career in the City of Lake Wales play an essential role in preserving the rights, safety, security, and freedom of the citizens of Lake Wales, Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens 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, protecting them against violence and disorder, protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, each year we observe May 15<sup>th</sup> as Police Memorial Day to honor 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 who have given their lives in the pursuit of justice while protecting their fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, those officers who have dedicated their lives to the service of humanity through law enforcement and the officers who have given their lives in this noble cause should be recognized and remembered for the accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the of the City of Lake Wales Police Department constantly provide a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper that the City Commission, along with all citizens of Lake Wales, observe May 15, 2014 as Police Memorial Day and May 11 - 17, 2014 as Police Memorial Week in Lake Wales in honor of the brave and valiant service rendered by the many law enforcement officers throughout this City.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Eugene Fultz, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, in the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim **May 15, 2014 as Police Memorial Day** and **May 11 - 17, 2014** as **Police Memorial Week** in Lake Wales.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Florida to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

Mayor/Commissioner