## PROCLAMATION National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Elizabeth City, North Carolina

WHEREAS, by joint resolution approved October 1, 1962, as amended, and by Public Law 103-322, as amended, the President of the United States has been authorized and requested to designate May 15 of each year 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 60 dedicated members of the Elizabeth City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of North Carolina play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedom of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their law enforcement officers and agencies, and that members of those agencies 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 or intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Elizabeth City recognize and appreciate the contributions made by law enforcement officers at all levels of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph W. Peel, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City call upon all citizens to observe May 15, 2015, as "PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY" and May 10-16, 2015 as "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and further ask that all residents join in commemorating our law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities. In so doing, they have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

Proclaimed this the 27th day of April 2015.

Joseph W. Peel Mayor

Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC

City Clerk