

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed the first proclamation recognizing May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, police officers throughout the Commonwealth are dedicated to protecting and serving Virginia's neighborhoods, schools, and families; and

WHEREAS, police officers risk their lives each and every day in order to ensure public safety and enforce the laws of the land; and

WHEREAS, citizens value the courage and devotion of the Commonwealth's state and local police and the integrity with which law enforcement officers maintain peace and security; and

WHEREAS, the officers of the Falls Church Police Department are meeting the daily challenge of protecting our City and our families during the historic COVID-19 crisis with bravery and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day are opportunities to honor officers who have fallen in the line of duty, and recognize the sacrifices made by the families of those officers and the sacrifices made by families of those who continue to protect and serve our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID TARTER, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby recognize May 15 - 21, 2022 as **Police Week** and May 15, 2022 as **Peace Officers Memorial Day** in the City of Falls Church, and call these observances to the attention of all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Tarter". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

David Tarter, Mayor