

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK PROCLAMATION

From: Joseph M. Polisar  
Dept: Police  
Date: April 14, 2009

OBJECTIVE

That the City Council approve a proclamation designating May 10 through May 16, 2009 as Police Memorial Week in Garden Grove.

BACKGROUND

The first recognition of Police Memorial Week was signed by President Kennedy in 1962. It was resolved by Congress that May 15<sup>th</sup> be designated Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls be designated as Police Memorial Week. The purpose of Peace Officers Memorial Day is to honor the police officers at all levels of government who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION

The Garden Grove Police Department will honor Garden Grove and other officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in a public memorial ceremony on May 14, 2009, at 5:00 P.M.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

The proclamation of Police Memorial Week meets the goals of the community vision by developing an effective and meaningful employee recognition program.

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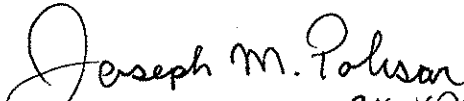
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Approve a proclamation designating May 10, through May 16, 2009 as Police Memorial Week in Garden Grove.

  
JOSEPH M. POLISAR *By IGR*  
Chief of Police



By: Travis Whitman  
Lieutenant

**Recommended for Approval**

  
**Matthew Feral**  
City Manager

Attachment: Proclamation

## PROCLAMATION

### ***Garden Grove Police Memorial Week May 10-16, 2009***

- WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which the date falls as Police Week; and
- WHEREAS, During Police Memorial Week, people across the nation and beyond, gather to honor, remember, and give thanks to all the valiant law enforcement heroes that have forsaken their lives in the name of service and duty above all; and
- WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1957, the Garden Grove Police Department has sworn to protect and defend the community it proudly serves, gaining the deserved respect and recognition as one of the finest municipal law enforcement agencies in the state; and
- WHEREAS, Tragically, Garden Grove also bears the distinction as Orange County's leading municipal police agency with the highest number of officers killed in the line of duty; and
- WHEREAS, The legacy of Garden Grove's immortalized 'Fallen Five' began with the painful loss of Sergeant Myron L. Trapp on October 6, 1959, followed by Reserve Officer Andy R. Reese on May 30, 1970; Officer Donald R. Reed on June 7, 1980; Officer Michael L. Rainford on November 7, 1980; and Master Officer Howard E. Dallies, Jr., on March 9, 1993; and
- WHEREAS, In annual homage to Garden Grove's Fallen Five, the Garden Grove Police Department, along with the surviving families, friends, colleagues, elected officials, and law enforcement members from across the five counties, gather to pay tribute to the lives and sacrifices of the men who epitomized heroism in its highest form; and
- WHEREAS, On May 14, 2009, in concurrence with Police Week 2009, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Call to Duty' Police Memorial will take place at the foot of the Police Department's Call to Duty monument, dedicated to the eternal memory of Garden Grove's Fallen Five.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby designate May 10 through May 16, 2009 as Police Memorial Week in the City of Garden Grove. The community of Garden Grove joins with others to venerate the sacrifices of America's fallen sons and daughters, as well as those of their families, keeping endless faith in the words inscribed on the Call to Duty monument, "Dear God, Let My Name Be The Last."

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William J. Dalton, *Mayor*

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Steven R. Jones, *Mayor Pro Tem*

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Bruce A. Broadwater, *Council Member*

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Andrew Do, *Council Member*

**April 14, 2009**