

## ***PROCLAMATION***

### ***PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY POLICE WEEK IN GARNER***

***WHEREAS***, the Congress and President of the United States, through Public Law 87-726 signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls, as National Police Week; and

***WHEREAS***, Public Law 103-322, signed by President William Clinton in 1994, directs that the flag of the United States on all Government buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year; and

***WHEREAS***, the members of the Garner Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the Town of Garner; 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, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

***WHEREAS***, the men and women of the Garner Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service.

***NOW THEREFORE***, I Buddy Gupton, Mayor of the Town of Garner, North Carolina, do call upon all citizens of the Town of Garner and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the Week of May 10-16, 2026 as National Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

***FURTHER***, I call upon all citizens of Garner to observe May 15, 2026, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of 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 let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Garner, North Carolina, to be affixed the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.*

*Buddy Gupton*  
Buddy Gupton, Mayor