

WHEREAS, it is one of the responsibilities of the Mayor of the City of Westerville to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Westerville play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Westerville; 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 law enforcement agency of the City of Westerville unceasingly provide a vital public service to the citizens of this community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor of the City of Westerville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim May 13 through May 19, 2012 as

"NATIONAL POLICE WEEK"

in Westerville and further call upon all citizens to observe May 15, 2012 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 TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal to be affixed this 1st day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

Kathleen Cocuzzi, Mayor