

# PROCLAMATION

**A PROCLAMATION** by the Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, declaring the week of May 13 through May 17, 2001, as National Police Week and May 15 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day.

**WHEREAS**, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15, as Peace Officer's Memorial day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Bainbridge Island play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the residents of the City of Bainbridge Island; 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 Bainbridge Island, unceasingly provide a vital public service; now, therefore,

I, Dwight Sutton, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, call upon all citizens of the City of Bainbridge Island and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13 through 17, 2001, as 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. I further call upon all citizens of the City of Bainbridge Island to observe May 15, 2001, as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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DWIGHT SUTTON, Mayor

