



**Proclamation declaring May 12 – 18, 2019 as
Virginia Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day**

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

WHEREAS, police officers in the Town of Abingdon and throughout our Commonwealth work tirelessly to protect and serve citizens across the Commonwealth, enforce our laws, and keep our neighborhoods, schools, and families safe; and

WHEREAS, police officers report for duty aware of the sacrifices they may be called upon to make and risk their lives each and every day in order to safeguard the public and enforce the laws of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, we reflect upon the selfless dedication and bravery of our Town, state, and other public sector police, as our safety and well-being is promoted by their devotion to maintaining peace and security in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Virginia 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 families of those who continue to protect and serve our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Wayne Craig, do hereby recognize May 12-18, 2019, as **VIRGINIA POLICE WEEK**, and May 15, 2019, as **PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY** in our Commonwealth of Virginia, and I call these observances to the attention of all our citizens.

Dated this 6th day of May 2019.


J. Wayne Craig, Mayor