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Mayor Healy to Join President Obama in Recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day & Police Week

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, in accordance with a proclamation issued from President Barack Obama in recognition of *Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week*, has ordered the American flag be flown at half staff today, **Tuesday, May 15, 2012**, at all City buildings.

President Barack Obama issued a proclamation proclaiming that Wednesday, May 15, 2012, is **Peace Officers Memorial Day** and **May 13 through May 19, 2012** as **Police Week**. In his proclamation, President Barack Obama “[Calls] upon all Americans to observe these events with appropriate ceremonies and activities.” In observance of this day and week, American flags at municipal buildings in Jersey City will be flown at half staff on **Peace Officers Memorial**.

“It is important to pay tribute to the public safety officers who work tirelessly to ensure our safety,” said **Mayor Healy**. “These brave men and women deserve the respect and recognition for the invaluable contributions they make in our lives on a daily basis, and I encourage everyone to show their gratitude to them and simply say thanks for their exemplary service.”

By a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962, as amended (76 Stat. 676), and by Public Law 103 322, as amended (36 U.S.C. 136 137), the President has been authorized and requested to designate May 15 of each year as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and the week in which it falls as “Police Week.”

Across the nation, government buildings, and many homes and businesses will join this effort in saluting those, who with unwavering devotion and selfless acts, inspires all to advance peace and extend freedom around the world.

“During *Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week*, we also cherish the memory of those who laid down their lives for the cause of peace and protection of our liberties,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We pray for them, mourn with the families and friends of those we have lost, and hope they find comfort in knowing their loved ones died with honor.”

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