

Office of the MAYOR

CITY OF GROTON
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Proclamation

National Police Week

WHEREAS, National Police Week, celebrated May 11 – 17, 2025, offers honor, remembrance, and peer support, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community and give special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Police Department is comprised of Officers, Corporals, Sergeants, a Lieutenant, Captain and Chief, Administrative and Records Clerk staff, and Dispatchers; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all citizens to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices made by law enforcement professionals, and that members of the City of Groton Police Department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Groton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the City of Groton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 37th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11th-17th; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Hedrick, Mayor of the City of Groton, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City, in recognition of National Police Week, do hereby proclaim that the City of Groton will observe May 11 - 17, 2025, as National Police Week and I publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Groton, this fifth day of May, 2025.

Keith Hedrick, Mayor, City of Groton