



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in the United States, a career in law enforcement has always been demanding and sometimes dangerous; it remains an honorable and noble profession; and

Whereas, law enforcement officers in our country are charged with enforcing our laws in a fair and impartial manner and they do this every day without regard to a person's race, ethnicity, country of origin, sexual orientation or creed; and

Whereas, the vast majority of calls for service that law enforcement officers respond to are handled without the use of any physical force, and it is a rare occurrence when a suspect is injured and/or killed while in police custody; and

Whereas, for years, the media has widely focused on a small number of unfortunate incidents, and helped to create the false narrative that police in the United States are racially biased and routinely use oppressive tactics against members of the minority community; and

Whereas, this false narrative has resulted in individuals resorting to acts of violence and murder of law enforcement officers in a number of cities across the nation; there has been a 72% increase in the number of officers being shot this year over last year; and


Whereas, in many instances there has been a rush to judgment by various persons or groups, the circumstances have been exacerbated and have made the job of law enforcement more difficult than ever;

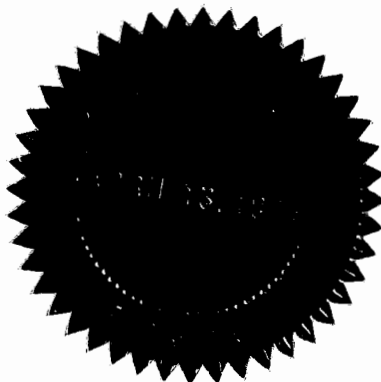
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe LaCascia, Mayor along with the City Commission of Polk City do hereby call upon:


ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS, BUSINESS LEADERS, RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND REFUSE TO SUPPORT ANY GROUP THAT WOULD RESORT TO HATE SPEECH AND/OR CALL FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.


FURTHER, WE PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT TO BOTH OUR CITIZENS AND OUR FELLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ACROSS THE NATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO THE CIDEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN CITIES WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN MURDERED AND/OR FALLEN VICTIM TO VIOLENCE FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

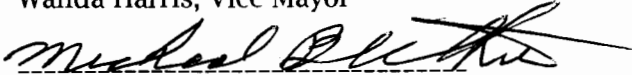
Given under my hand and Seal of Polk City this 19th day of September, 2016

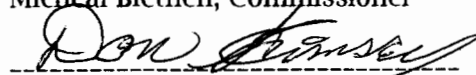
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Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager

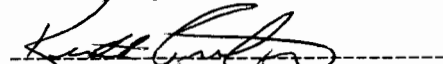


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