

## **PROCLAMATION**

Designating the week of May 10-16, 2020, as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** and May 15, 2020, as **NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Colorado have shared in the grief of the tragic death of El Paso County Deputy Sheriff Jeff Hopkins who contracted COVID-19 while on duty; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize and honor the sacrifice made by those who are injured or who die in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the City of Wheat Ridge Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all who work, play, and live in our City; and

**WHEREAS**, the past few months created unique challenges for our community and increased risk for the men and women of the Wheat Ridge Police Department as we protected the health and safety of the department as well as the community in the face of the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that everyone know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of our police department, and that our local law enforcement agency recognizes their duty to serve our community by safeguarding life and property, by providing protection against violence and disorder, and by shielding the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of the past 51 years, the police department of the City of Wheat Ridge has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which tirelessly provides a vital public service in partnership with the law abiding members of our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Bud Starker, call upon all those living and working in Wheat Ridge, and upon all of our community's patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 10-16, 2020, as

### **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

Honoring law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to our community and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all members of the community.

**I FURTHER** call upon our community to observe May 15, 2020 as

### **NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**

To honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or who have been injured in the performance of their duty.

**IN WITNESS THEREOFF**, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020

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Bud Starker, Mayor

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Steve Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

**PROCLAMATION  
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH  
MAY 2020**

**WHEREAS**, good mental health is essential to the overall health and emotional wellbeing of all children, youth, adults and families; and promotes a healthy community; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five people in our communities experience a mental health condition each year; and

**WHEREAS**, 8.1% of individuals in our communities experience substance use disorders each year; and

**WHEREAS**, increased focus on the prevention of mental health conditions and substance use disorders among children and adolescents through screening and early intervention helps improve lives, and

**WHEREAS**, the stigma against mental health conditions and substance use disorders prevents many people from accessing care; and

**WHEREAS**, when mental health problems and substance use disorders are detected early and treated, people can recover and maintain a healthy and independent life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheat Ridge is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the community by ending stigma and focusing on the integrated role of mental health in all our lives,

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bud Starker, Mayor of Wheat Ridge, do hereby proclaim May 2020, as Mental Health Month and call upon all residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our communities and resources to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, providing appropriate and accessible services for all community members, and making mental health a priority.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

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Bud Starker, Mayor

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**PROCLAMATION**  
**Wheat Ridge Graduates Week**  
**May 11 – 17, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, Wheat Ridge is a special place with exceptional schools and residents who strive to improve their lives through education; and

**WHEREAS**, many residents of Wheat Ridge have completed their studies and are due to graduate in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly changed our lives including the way that we gather to celebrate accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the social distancing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that graduates and their families are unable to celebrate their accomplishments in the usual ways; and

**WHEREAS**, many students have missed out on prom, trips, end of year concerts, awards ceremonies, graduation ceremonies and parties; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 250 seniors are due to graduate from Wheat Ridge High School this May; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of Kindergarten, eighth grade, college, trade and technical school students are also due to graduate this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheat Ridge recognizes the dedication and hard work required to graduate, particularly during this challenging time when classroom instruction has been disrupted.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bud Starker, Mayor of the City of Wheat Ridge along with all elected officials and City staff do hereby congratulate all City of Wheat Ridge graduates and wish them well in their future endeavors and I proclaim

**May 11 – 17, 2020**  
**Wheat Ridge Graduates Week**

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Bud Starker, Mayor

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Steve Kirkpatrick, City Clerk