

Proclamation

Peace Officers' Memorial Day and its origin in Georgia

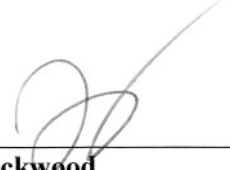
- WHEREAS,** the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and
- WHEREAS,** Robert Forsyth of Augusta, Georgia, an American patriot who served as a captain in Lee's Legion under Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, was selected by President George Washington to be the first United States Marshal for the state of Georgia and became the first U.S. Marshal and first of more than 200 U.S. Marshals and Deputies killed in the line of duty; and
- WHEREAS,** from that first tragedy to the present day, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Milton play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Milton; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of the law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and
- WHEREAS,** the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Milton unceasingly provide a vital public service;

Now, therefore, I, Mayor of the City of Milton, call upon all citizens of the City of Milton and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15, 2011, as Police Week and appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of the City of Milton to observe May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Given under my hand and seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 9th Day of May, 2011.

(Seal)



Joe Lockwood
Mayor