PROCLAMATION National Police Week & 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 May 15 falls as National Police week; and

Whereas, the members of the law enforcement community of the City of Novi play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Novi; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their 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 85 men and women of the Novi Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

Now, therefore, I, David B. Landry, Mayor of the City of Novi, on behalf of the Novi City Council, call upon all citizens and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15 - 21, 2011, as Police Week with 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 Novi to observe Sunday, 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.

In witness thereof, on this 9th day of May, 2011, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Novi to be affixed.

David B. Landry Mayor, City of Novi