

Office of the Mayor  
City of High Point  
North Carolina

# PROCLAMATION...

**WHEREAS,** on January 9th, partnering organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide promoted a National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD). In light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement officers that our citizens recognize the difficult and sometimes impossible career they have chosen, in public service to us all; and,

**WHEREAS,** each day 780,000 police officers across our country put a badge on and go to work knowing they may face extremely dangerous situations. On average, between 105 and 203 officers die in the line of duty each year, 50,000 officers are assaulted in the line of duty each year, 14,000 officers are injured in the line of duty each year, and over 300 officers commit suicide each year. There is no other profession in the world, except possibly the military, where you will find these kinds of statistics; and,

**WHEREAS,** law enforcement officers play such an integral part in our society. They are the guardians of our way of life and they deserve our support; and,

**WHEREAS,** through the dedicated and committed efforts of the men and women of the High Point Police Department, the agency has been nationally recognized as a model for intelligence led policing, and whose efforts have reduced violent crime significantly and consistently through community involvement and the use of data driven focused deterrence methodologies. This transparent and community driven approach has led to a sixty seven percent reduction in our violent crime index over a seventeen year period and has gone far towards improving the safety of our City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PRESENT,** that the High Point City Council hereby proclaims the month of January, 2015 as “*High Point Law Enforcement Appreciation Month*” in the City of High Point.

We further call upon all citizens of High Point to take time throughout the month of January to show their appreciation and support of our law enforcement officers.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.**

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**William S. Bencini, Jr. Mayor**