



To: Mayor and Council

Agenda Item #: V.B.

From: David Nelson, Police Chief

Action

Date: May 6, 2015

Discussion

Information

Subject: National Police Week Proclamation

Action Requested:

Adopt the attached Proclamation of National Police Week in the City of Edina for the week of May 10-16, 2015.

Information / Background:

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Let this be a time to thank and honor those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication of the officers of the Edina Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2015

- WHEREAS,** the week of May 10th – 16th, 2015, is National Police Week in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Edina Police Department; and
- WHEREAS,** nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and
- WHEREAS,** the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS,** 273 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial this spring, including 126 officers killed in 2014 and 147 officers killed in previous years; and
- WHEREAS,** the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund's 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the May 13th, 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 10th-16th; and
- WHEREAS,** May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all the fallen officers and their families and U.S. Flags should be flown at half-staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Edina, MN, hereby proclaims
May 10th-16th, 2015, as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

In the City of Edina, MN and call upon the people of Edina to observe this week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep the residents and city of Edina safe.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2015.

James B. Hovland, Mayor