

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week was established by a joint resolution of the United States Congress in 1962; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Everyday law enforcement officers are the first to be on the scene to help those in need and are dedicated to serving the community; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, Over 43,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 15,000 injuries, and assaults against officers in Minnesota has increased by over 120% in the last two years; and

WHEREAS, Since the first recorded death in 1786, over 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including members of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

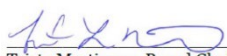
WHEREAS, In 2023, 136 officers were killed nationwide in the line of duty and their names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring; and

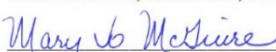
WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2024, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association; and


WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of Ramsey County suburban law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the Ramsey County Suburban Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony on May 16, 2024; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners designates May 12 - 18, 2024 as Police Week in Ramsey County, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

  
Trista Martinson, Board Chair, District 3

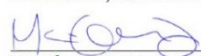
  
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