



CITY OF BLAINE

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LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL 2017

To recognize National Police Week 2017 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Blaine Police Department;

WHEREAS, there have been 51,548 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2015, resulting in approximately 14,453 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are 21,183 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

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

WHEREAS, 394 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 143 officers killed in 2016 and 251 officers killed in previous years;

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 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, is taking place this year on May 14-20;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association recognizes 235 Minnesota law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Blaine formally designates May 14-20, 2017, as Police Week in the City of Blaine and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Blaine to be affixed this 4th day of May 2017.

Tom Ryan, Mayor