



CITY OF BLAINE

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National Police Week 2016

This Proclamation recognizes National Police Week 2016 and honors 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, nearly 16,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in almost 14,000 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;

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, new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 123 officers killed in 2015 and 129 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 28th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2016;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, is taking place this year on May 15-21;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association recognizes 274 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 15-21, 2016, 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 5th day of May 2016.

Tom Ryan, Mayor