

**CITY OF MAPLE GROVE
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE MAY 15 AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY
AND MAY 14 – 20, 2023 AS POLICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Maple Grove Police Department and the City of Maple Grove play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Maple Grove; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Maple Grove Police Department is a modern law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service through its mission of “Honorably serving our community to enhance the quality of life by compassionate, excellent, and professional policing.”

NOW, THEREFORE WE, Mayor Steffenson and the Maple Grove City Council do hereby call upon all citizens of Maple Grove to observe Sunday, May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 14 through 20, 2023 as Police Week in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

WE FURTHER call upon all citizens of Maple Grove to observe Sunday, May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

FURTHER, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, WE, Mayor Steffenson and the Maple Grove City Council, do hereby proclaim May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and recognize May 14 through 20, 2023 as Police Week.

Heidi Nelson, City Administrator

Mark Steffenson, Mayor