



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 1, 2023

PREPARED BY: Eric T. Werner, Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM: Proclamation - Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15) and Police Week (May 14 to 20, 2023)

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:
None

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve and proclaim May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 14 through 20, 2023 as Police Week.

COMMENTS:

May 15 is a day set aside for officers and the public to pay their respect and homage to those officers who have given their lives in the line-of-duty. "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. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others," as stated by the National Police Officers Memorial Fund. This year National Police Week is May 14 through May 20, 2023.

Maple Grove Police Department is asking and encouraging our community members to honor Minnesota's fallen officers by turning their porch lights to blue during National Police Week.

In support of the Blue Light Project, the following businesses have partnered with the Maple Grove Police Department and will have a stock of blue light bulbs for National Police Week.

- Hardware Hank – 12700 Bass Lake Road
- Home Depot – 15800 Grove Circle N
- Jerry's Do it Best Hardware – 13151 Weaver Lake Road
- Lowes – 11201 Fountains Drive N
- Menards – 16500 96th Avenue N

On May 14 and 15, members of the Maple Grove police department will stand guard during select times at the Peace Officer Memorial in St. Paul to honor the Minnesota fallen officers.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Proclamation to Declare May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 14 – 20, 2023 as Police Week