



Proclamation

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

Whereas, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund reported that 136 federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement officers died in the line-of-duty in the United States during the year of 2023; and

Whereas, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Washington play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of its citizens; and

Whereas, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and oppression; and

Whereas, the men and women of the City of Washington Police Department unceasingly provide this vital public service; and

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Washington City Council hereby call upon all citizens and all patriotic and civic organizations to observe the week of May 12 – 18, 2024, as Police Week in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security for all citizens;

Furthermore, by the City of Washington Council hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of Washington to recognize May 15, 2024, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the communities that they served.

Now, Therefore, I Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois, on behalf of the Washington City Council, do hereby proclaim, May 15th as:

“Peace Officers’ Memorial Day”

and May 12th through May 18th as:

“Police Week”

PROCLAIMED this 6th day of May, 2024

Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: Valeri L Brod, City Clerk