



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By B. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Johnson, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Recognizing National Police Week 2016 and Honoring 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 MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT; and

WHEREAS, nearly 15,725 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 13,824 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

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

WHEREAS, 252 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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION'S Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 15-21 (NOTE: Because May 15, 2016 falls on a Sunday, some events will take place before the official dates of police week 2016); and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL formally designates May 15-21, 2016, as Police Week in THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 35W Bridge shall be lit in blue on May 15th, 2016.

Passed, April 29, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk