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THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

National Police Week 2023

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; and

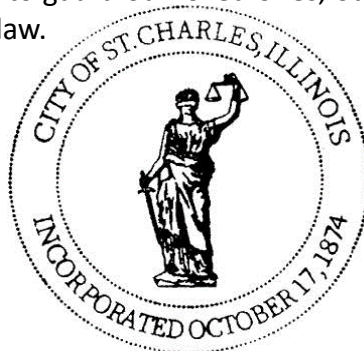
WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of St. Charles play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

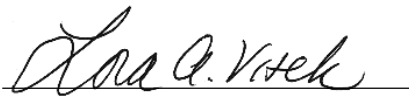
WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and protecting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

WHEREAS, it is known that 224 officers across the Nation gave their lives in the performance of their duties in 2022. Currently, there are 23,785 names of fallen law enforcement heroes engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Charles desires to honor the valor, service, and dedication of its own police officers, and to join the countless communities and cities across the nation to honor police officers everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Lora Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 thru 21 to be **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** and May 15th to be **NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**. I call upon our citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the police officers of the City by deed, remark, and attitude. I call upon all of our citizens to make every effort to express their thanks to our men and women who make it possible for us to leave our homes and family in safety each day, and to return to our homes knowing they are protected by police officers who are willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary to guard our loved ones, our property, and our government against all who would violate the law.




Lora A. Vitek, Mayor