

City of St. Charles

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# Proclamation

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

**MAY 15 – 21, 2016**

**WHEREAS,** there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the St. Charles Police Department; and

**WHEREAS,** nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in over 15,000 injuries and, on average, one officer is killed every 60 hours; and

**WHEREAS,** since the first recorded death in 1791, over 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the St. Charles Police Department; and

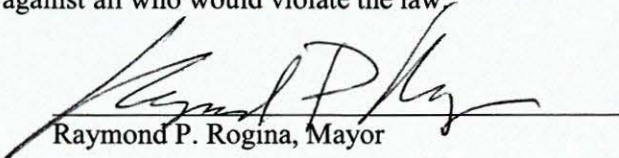
**WHEREAS,** it is known that 124 officers across the Nation, three of them from Illinois, gave their lives in the performance of their duties in 2015 – a 4% increase from 2014. Currently, there are 20,538 names of fallen law enforcement heroes engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers 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,** Raymond Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois do hereby proclaim the week of **May 15 to the 21, 2016** to be **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** and **May 15, 2016** 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.

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Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor