



CITY OF  
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# Proclamation

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK MAY 19-25, 2021

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 264 officers across the Nation gave their lives in the performance of their duties in 2020. This was a 96% increase in deaths compared to 2019, with Covid-19 being the single highest cause of officer line-of-duty deaths in 2020. Currently, there are 22,217 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, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9 thru 15 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.

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Lora A. Vitek, Mayor