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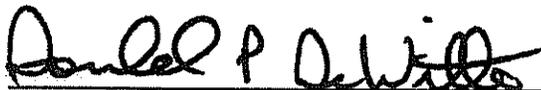
# Proclamation

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2012

- WHEREAS,** there are approximately 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 approximately 16,000 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, including one member of the St. Charles Police Department; 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,** new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 163 officers killed in 2011 and 199 officers killed in previous years; and
- WHEREAS,** May 15<sup>th</sup> is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Donald DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 13<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012**, to be **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** and 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 love ones, our property and our government against all who would violate the law.

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Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor