



# Proclamation

- Whereas,** there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Washington Police Department; and
- Whereas,** since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States that have made the ultimate sacrifice 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, DC; 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 37th Candlelight Vigil, on May 13, 2025 as part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year on May 11th-17th; and
- Whereas,** May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.
- Now, therefore,**  
I Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois, on behalf of the Washington City Council, publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation and proclaim May 11-17, 2025, as:

**“National Police Week”**

and May 15, 2025 to be

**“National Peace Officers Memorial Day”**

Proclaimed this 5th day of May, 2025

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Gary W. Manier, Mayor

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ATTEST: Valeri L Brod, City Clerk