

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; 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 21,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including four members of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; 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, In 2017, 129 officers were killed in the line of duty and their names will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring; and

WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty nationwide will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty in Minnesota will be honored during the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association's Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year from May 13-19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, May 15, 2018 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and

WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of Ramsey County Suburban Law Enforcement officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the Suburban Ramsey County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, on May 17, 2018; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners formally designates May 13-19, 2018 as Police Week in Ramsey County, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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