



P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Congress and the President of the United States of America have designated **May 15** as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, members of the Arkansas City Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our City; 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 police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting citizens against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas City Police Department has grown to be a modern, scientific, and community-focused law enforcement agency that continually provides an essential and vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, calls upon all citizens of Arkansas City to observe the week of **May 10-16, 2026**, as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in Arkansas City, in recognition of this year's theme, "Honoring Our Fallen, Supporting Our Survivors", we encourage all members of our community to come together through appropriate ceremonies that in remembrance and appreciation. May we honor police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their duties have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and established an enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I FURTHER call upon all citizens of Arkansas City to observe **Thursday, May 15, 2026**, as

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or become disabled in the performance of duty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

TAD STOVER, MAYOR
May 5, 2026