

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

National Police Week: May 11 – 16, 2026

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week it falls as National Police Week. These observances honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers who have lost their lives while protecting our communities and upholding our shared values.

Since the first recorded law enforcement death in 1786, more than 24,000 officers across the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice. Among them is Officer Curt Ramsdell of the Columbia Heights Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty on July 30, 1977. His service and memory continue to be honored by our community.

Today, the Columbia Heights Police Department comprises dedicated individuals who serve with professionalism, compassion, and care. Our officers take time to build relationships with residents, support public safety, and foster trust throughout our neighborhoods. The department reflects the diversity of our community, and we are proud to have officers who represent the people they serve.

May 15, Peace Officers Memorial Day, honors all fallen officers and their families. On this day, U.S. flags are flown at half-staff in tribute to those who gave their lives in service.

As Mayor of Columbia Heights, I call on all residents to recognize and appreciate our local law enforcement officers' courage, commitment, and contributions and join me in building a safe, inclusive, and connected community.

Now, therefore, I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights May 11–16, 2026, as **National Police Week** in the City of Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
May 11, 2026