

PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Grand Rapids Police Department; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including seven members of Itasca County law enforcement agencies; 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, 616 new names of fallen heroes killed in 2021 are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, and

WHEREAS, May 15<sup>th</sup> is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dale Christy, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, formally designate May 11-17, 2021, as National Police Week and publicly recognize the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.