

## PROCLAMATION

**To recognize National Police Week 2026 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.**

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Madison Heights Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently more than 24,500 law enforcement officers in the United States that have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 1 member of the Madison Heights Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC;

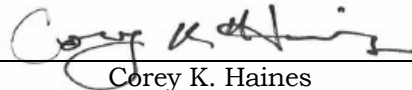
**WHEREAS**, 363 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 109 officers killed in 2025 and 254 officers killed in previous years;

**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 38<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13th, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be *observed* this year May 10th-16th;

**WHEREAS**, May 15th, 2026, 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 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Madison Heights City Council declares the week of **May 10-16, 2026**, as **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK** in **MADISON HEIGHTS**, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.



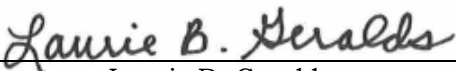
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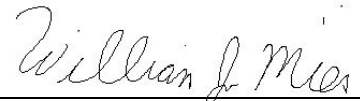
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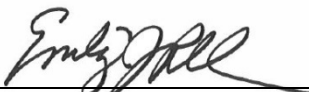
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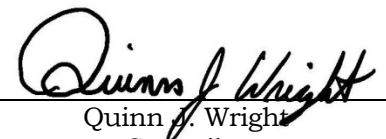
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