



City of Rochelle,
Illinois
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

National Police Week May 11 - 17, 2026

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 Rochelle Police Department;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently more than 24,500 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

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

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 38th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be *observed* this year May 11th-16th;

WHEREAS, May 15 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle will observe formally designate **May 11-17, 2026**, as **National Police Week** and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed on the 11th day of May 2026.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest:

RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk

