



City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation



**National Police Week
May 14 – 20, 2023**

To recognize National Police Week 2023 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, the members of the Rochelle Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all members of the community;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently 23,785 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, 556 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 224 officers killed in 2022 and 332 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 35th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2023;

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 John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, formally designate May 14-20, 2023, 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 8th day of May 2023.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
RoseMary Huéramo, City Clerk

