

## *Proclamation National Police Week 2019*

To recognize National Police Week 2019 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 over 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the **RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**; and

WHEREAS, there have been 60,211 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2017, resulting in approximately 17,476 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, over 21,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including **FOUR** members of the **RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**; 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 371 names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 158 officers killed in 2018 and 213 officers killed in previous years; and

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 31st Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the **MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION'S** Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of **RAMSEY COUNTY SUBURBAN LAW ENFORCEMENT** officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the **SUBURBAN RAMSEY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY**, on May 16, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **VADNAIS HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL** formally designates May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week in **THE CITY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS**, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019

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Heidi Gunderson, Mayor

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