CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Proclamation
Police Officers Week - May 15-21, 2016

DATE: May 2, 2016

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:

The City of West Des Moines would like to recognize the important role Law Enforcement Officers play in the lives of West Des Moines residents by celebrating Police Officers Week, May 15-21, 2016, and recognizing Police Officers Memorial Day on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Proclamation recognizing May 15-21, 2016 as Police Officers Week and Wednesday, May 18, 2016 as Police Officers Memorial Day.

Lead Staff Member: Shaun LaDue, Chief of Police

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Shaun E LaDue
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	RTJ

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

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Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	
Date Reviewed	

CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officers play an important role in the lives of all West Des Moines residents; and

WHEREAS, Public understanding of the duties and responsibilities of these Officers is crucial to their effective performance, and

WHEREAS, One hundred and seventy-seven Iowa Peace Officers have given their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, A Peace Officers' Memorial Plaque was dedicated on May 12, 1988, listing the names of those Iowa Peace Officers who gave their lives in protecting the rights and privileges of Iowa citizens, and to whom the Iowa Peace Officers' Memorial was dedicated on May 15, 1985; and

WHEREAS, West Des Moines continues to maintain significantly lower crime rates than does both the state and the nation as a whole which can be attributed in part to the dedication and effectiveness of West Des Moines' Law Enforcement Officers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven K. Gaer, Mayor of West Des Moines, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2016 as

POLICE OFFICER'S WEEK

and do further proclaim, Wednesday, May 18, 2016, as

POLICE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY

in West Des Moines, and urge citizens to participate in law enforcement events in and around the city, to become better acquainted with the operations and personnel of local police agencies, and to honor those officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Mayor of West Des Moines

City Clerk of West Des Moines