**CITY OF WEST DES MOINES**
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION**

**ITEM:** Approval of Proclamation
Police Officers Week - May 12-18, 2019

**DATE:** May 6, 2019

**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 12-18, 2019, and recognizing Police Officers Memorial Day on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

**OUTSTANDING ISSUES** (if any): None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of Proclamation recognizing May 12-18, 2019 as Police Officers Week and Thursday, May 16, 2019 as Police Officers Memorial Day.

**Lead Staff Member:** Chris Scott, Chief of Police

**STAFF REVIEWS**

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| Department Director | |
| Appropriations/Finance | |
| Legal | |
| Agenda Acceptance | |

**PUBLICATION(S)** (if applicable)

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**SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW** (if applicable)

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# 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 ninety-one Iowa Peace Officers have given their lives in the line of duty, including Marshal Anthony Swatta and Sergeant Shawn Miller from the West Des Moines Police Department; 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 12-18, 2019 as

## POLICE OFFICER'S WEEK

and do further proclaim, Thursday, May 16, 2019, 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