CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: Approval of Proclamation
Police Officers Week - May 10-16, 2020

DATE: May 4, 2020

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 10-16, 2020, and recognizing Police Officers Memorial Day on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES (if any): None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Proclamation recognizing May 10-16, 2020 as Police Officers Week and Thursday, May 14, 2020 as Police Officers Memorial Day.

Lead Staff Member: Chris Scott, Chief of Police

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	4-29-20
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

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, Two hundred and four 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 10-16, 2020 as

POLICE OFFICER'S WEEK

and do further proclaim, Thursday, May 14, 2020, as

POLICE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY

in West Des Moines, and urge citizens to support law enforcement 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