

**CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK  
May 12 - 18, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Congress and the President of United States have designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Rochelle Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens in the City of Rochelle; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Rochelle Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Federal Flag Code, city and county governments, as well as businesses and residences that display the national flag, will be asked to lower the flag to half-staff, from sunrise to sunset in remembrance of the over 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States that have been killed in the line of duty since 1791.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, John Bearrows, Mayor of Rochelle, formally designates **May 12 – 18, 2019** as **National Police Week** in the City of Rochelle, Illinois and publicly salute 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

