



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

PROCLAMATION

***NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
MAY 15-21, 2016***

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week, a time to pay tribute to all law enforcement personnel who, on a daily basis, make our communities safer and more secure and who sometimes give their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand that every day peace officers face the threat of violence and danger, routinely putting their lives on the line to defend ours, and that the price of that bravery may result in injury, disability, or even death; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Rochelle Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service by safeguarding life and property, by protecting citizens against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

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, Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle, formally designates May 15th – May 21st, 2016 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.

Dated this 9th day of May 2016.

Chet Olson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Bruce W. McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle

