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National Police Week May 13 thru May 19, 2018

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving all the communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Westmont Police Department; and

WHEREAS, 159 officer deaths in 2016, there were also 58,627 assaults against law enforcement officers were reported in 2016, resulting in approximately 16,677 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, over 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the State of Illinois lost 7 officers in the line of duty; in 2018 there were 16 officers nationwide killed in the first 9 weeks fo the year.; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Annual Candlelight Vigil; and

WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I Ronald J. Gunter, by the virtue of the authority vested in me, as Mayor of the Village of Westmont, Illinois do hereby proclaim May 13th thru May 19th as Police Week in the Village of Westmont, and May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. We publicly salute the service of the men and women of the Westmont Police Department and those law enforcement officers protecting us in all communities across this great nation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, this 10th day of May, 2018.

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: _____

Ronald J. Gunter
Mayor

Attest: _____
Virginia Szymski
Village Clerk