

**TO:** Mayor Robinson and City Council

**FROM:** Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** National Police Week Proclamation

**DATE:** April 27, 2016

**BACKGROUND**

National Police Week is coming up the week May 15, 2016. Our department has been fortunate to not have lost an officer in the line of duty. However, we have had an officer that worked for our agency that moved on in his career that was killed in the line of duty. This is something that as a Chief I hope never to have to deal with, but it is important to understand that any day that can change because of the dangers officers face.

I plan to recognize Officer Jill Ekstrom at the May 17 City Council Meeting during Police Week with the Department's Life Saving Award.

I have attached a Proclamation of National Police Week for the Mayor to consider making.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Request the Mayor declare the Proclamation for National Police Week.

**City of Cannon Falls**  
**Proclamation for National Police Week 2016**

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Cannon Falls Police Department;

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

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

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

WHEREAS, new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 123 officers killed in 2015 and 129 officers killed in previous years;

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 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2016;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 15-21, 2016;

WHEREAS, May 15, 2016 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Cannon Falls City Council formally designates May 15-21, 2016, as Police Week in Cannon Falls, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of Cannon Falls this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

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Lyman M. Robinson  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald S. Johnson  
City Administrator