



RESOLUTION No. 04-24-17-3

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2017

WHEREAS, *there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Hawthorn Woods Police Department; and*

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

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 have been killed in the line of duty; and,*

WHEREAS, *the names of these 21,183 dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and*

WHEREAS, *the names of fallen heroes are being added to the national Law Enforcement officers' Memorial this year, including 143 officers killed in 2016; and*

WHEREAS, *the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored, and the names of the officers newly engraved on the Memorial will be formally dedicated during the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund's 29th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2017; and*

WHEREAS, *the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 14-20; and*

WHEREAS, *May 15 of every year by Act of Congress has been designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, with federal law (P.L. 103-322) directing that all flags be flown at half-staff on that date in honor of fallen officers and their families; and*

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

WHEREAS, *the members of the Hawthorn Woods Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Hawthorn Woods; and*

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and then 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 Hawthorn Woods Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service.

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods on the behalf of the residents of the Village of Hawthorn Woods does hereby formally declare May 14-20, 2017, as National Police Week in Hawthorn Woods, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.*

The foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois on April 24, 2017.



Joseph Mancino, Mayor



Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk