



RESOLUTION No. 04-15-24-4

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2024

WHEREAS, Federal, State, local, and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity; and,

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, there are currently 23,903 law enforcement officers in the United States who 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., dedicated on October 15, 1991; and

WHEREAS, 282 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2023 a 49 percent reduction in duty deaths compared to 2022.

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 36th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2024; and

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

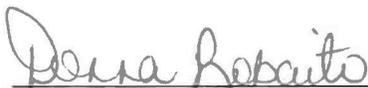
WHEREAS all citizens must know and understand, the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and then members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, 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.*

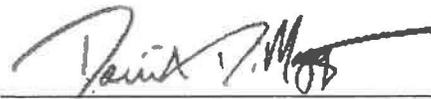
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods on behalf of the residents of the Village of Hawthorn Woods does hereby –*

- (1) designate the week of May 15 through May 21, 2024, as “National Police Week”;*
- (2) expresses strong support for law enforcement officers in the efforts that those officers undertake to build safer and more secure communities;*
- (3) recognizes the need to ensure that law enforcement officers have the equipment, training, and resources necessary to protect the health and safety of the officers while the officers are protecting the public;*
- (4) recognizes the law enforcement community for the continual selfless acts of sacrifice and bravery carried out by the members of that community;*
- (5) acknowledges that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, should be remembered and honored;*
- (6) expresses condolences to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and*
- (7) publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation.*

The foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois on April 15, 2024.



Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk



Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor