



# Proclamation



## Police Week May 12-18, 2024

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated members of the Smithville Police Department work devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the citizens of the City of Smithville, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of our police department play an important role in protecting the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, defending them against violence or disorder, and guarding the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, our police department has grown to be a modern and well-respected law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff on May 15<sup>th</sup> for Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Damien Boley, Mayor of the City of Smithville do hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week in the City of Smithville, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

**Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**



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Damien Boley, Mayor