



# PROCLAMATION



## National Police Week May 13 – 19, 2018

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 members of the law enforcement agency of the City of DeKalb play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

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

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

**THEREFORE**, I, Jerry Smith, as Mayor of the City of DeKalb, urge our citizens to join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their communities, have established for themselves the rights and security of all citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jerry Smith, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of May 13 - 19, 2018, as National Police Week in the City of DeKalb.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of DeKalb, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

  
Jerry Smith