

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK
MAY 12 – 18, 2024**

WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated **May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day** and the week in which that date falls as National Police Memorial Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Our law enforcement officers are the guardians of life and property; defenders of the individual right to be free; warriors in the battle against crime; and are dedicated to the preservation of life and property; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy honors the valor, service, and dedication of all Police Officers, and publicly salutes the service of each and every one of our own Troy Police Officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaims **May 12 – 18, 2024 as Police Week** in the City of Troy, and call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express appreciation to these men and women who are willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard us and our loved ones against all who would violate the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all citizens to reflect and remember four Troy Police Officers, **Charles Smetana, Martin Chivas, Charles Mulvihill, and William McCabe** who lost their lives in service to our community. These men will forever be remembered for their ultimate sacrifice.

Presented this 14th day of May 2024.