



**City of Westland
Proclamation
Honoring
National Police Week
May 11 - May 17, 2025**

WHEREAS,

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS,

There are more than 700,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan; and

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Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of the City of Westland, Michigan for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us; and

WHEREAS,

In 2024 alone, 145 law enforcement officers were killed and many, many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. That includes five from Michigan who make the ultimate sacrifice: Motor Carrier Officer Daniel Kerstetter from Michigan State Police, Corporal Mohamed Said from the Melvindale Police Department, Deputy William Butler, Jr. from the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Bradley Reckling from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, and Trooper Joel Popp from the Michigan State Police, whose names are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C; and

WHEREAS,

Fallen officers from Michigan will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answer the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy every day. We commend them and all those in Westland, current and former, for recognizing service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and also all of those who are serving without incident to date; and

WHEREAS,

Westland, Michigan and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, bearing the strains of a pandemic, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that Mayor Kevin Coleman and the Westland City Council proclaim the week of May 11-17, 2025 as Police Week in the City of Westland. We publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

A handwritten signature of Kevin Coleman in black ink.

Kevin Coleman
Mayor

A handwritten signature of Mike McDermott in black ink.

Mike McDermott
City Council President

