

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated the week of May 12-18, 2013 as National Police Week and the Wednesday of that week as Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Muscatine Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency and that 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 Muscatine Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DeWayne M. Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, call upon all citizens of our community and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12-18, 2013 as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of Muscatine to observe Wednesday, May 15, 2013, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Muscatine to be affixed this 2nd day of May, 2013.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor