

## **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 15-21, 2011 as Peace Officers' Memorial 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, Richard W. O'Brien, 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 15-21, 2011 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 18, 2011, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

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Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

## **EMS Week Proclamation**

### **Emergency Medical Services Week**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, I Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2011, as Emergency Medical Services Week with the theme "EMS: Everyday Heroes", and I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Muscatine to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

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Richard W. O'Brien