

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
MAY 12-19, 2019**

- WHEREAS,** 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. 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,** the International Association of Chiefs of Police has declared law enforcement officer safety and wellness a top priority, and the IACP's Center for Officer Safety and Wellness promotes the importance of individual, agency, family, and community safety and wellness awareness; and
- WHEREAS,** the members of the Itasca Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the Village of Itasca; 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 police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Itasca Police Department has grown to be a progressive and professional law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffery J. Pruyn, President of the Village of Itasca, call upon all citizens of the Village of Itasca and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12 – 18, 2019 as National Police Week in the Village of Itasca with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities 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 the Village of Itasca to observe May 15, 2019 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Itasca to be affixed. Dated this 7th day of May, 2019.

Jeffery J. Pruyn, Village President

ATTEST:

Jody A. Conidi, Village Clerk