

National Law Enforcement Week Proclamation

May 11 – 17, 2022

Whereas, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including and dedicated members of the Springfield Police Department; and

Whereas, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

Whereas, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

Whereas, 619 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 472 officers killed in 2021 and 147 officers killed in previous years; and

Whereas, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 34th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2022; and

Whereas, May 15, 2022 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean VanGordon, Mayor of the City of Springfield, do hereby proclaim May 11 – 17, 2022 as National Law Enforcement Week in the City of Springfield and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean VanGordon".

Sean VanGordon
Mayor