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RESOLUTION NO. 230417

Sponsor: Councilmember Heather Hall

RESOLUTION - Recognizing May 14-20, 2023, as "National Police Week" in Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, National Police Week honors and remembers law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service to others while in the line of duty, as well as those who continue to serve with courage and righteousness; and

WHEREAS, each year, over 150 law enforcement officers lose their life in the line of duty, and in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. The law was amended by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, signed by President Bill Clinton, directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year to honor these lives lost; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial, which holds annual memorial services at the beginning of May, is dedicated to all the law enforcement heroes, past, present, and future, and their family members, who all are dedicated to serving and protecting the citizens and visitors of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Regional Law Enforcement Memorial Garden, a place to honor, grieve, reflect, and pay tribute to all those who have served and lost their lives in Clay, Platte, Jackson, and Cass County areas strives to honor its law enforcement agencies across the city; and

WHEREAS, each year the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department dispatches a City wide 10-42 Roll Call of all officers who gave their life protecting and serving our City, which starts off the KCPD's Memorial Service; and

WHEREAS, this year, we will be honoring Officer Muhlbauer and K9 Champ of the Kansas City Police Department and Officer Vasquez of the North Kansas City Police Department. May their service and sacrifice never be forgotten, and may we thank their families for their sacrifice as well; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize and observe May 14-20, 2023, as National Police Week in Kansas City, Missouri; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Chief Stacey Graves of the Kansas City Police Department and Major Mark Smith of the North Kansas City Police Department, with the thanks of the Mayor,

Council and citizens for the dedication and service that law enforcement gives our community.

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