## **PROCLAMATION**

## Peace Officers Memorial Day & National Police Week May 15 - May 21, 2011

WHEREAS, the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of the Nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

WHEREAS, these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers deserve our appreciation for the work they do and citizens fulfill an important civic responsibility by supporting their work to protect our communities. By working together, we can achieve a better and more secure future for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, established in 1962 by President John F, Kennedy and a joint resolution of Congress, National Police Week pays special tribute to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others and also directed that the flag be flown at half staff on Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year; and

WHEREAS, as we observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week, we honor the heroism of all our law enforcement officers, especially those who have given their lives so that others might live. They performed their jobs with extraordinary distinctions, and we will always remember their service and sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois do herby proclaim May 15th through May 21st, 2011 as National Police Week in the Village of Wheeling, and encourage our residents to join us in honoring those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service 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.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2011

Judy Abruscato
Village President

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Elaine E. Simpson Village Clerk

