## City of Holden, MO

## Proclamation in recognition Peace Officers 'Memorial Day and Law Enforcement Officers Week

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund reported that 136 federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement officers died in the line-of-duty in the United States during the year of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Holden, MO play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Holden, MO; 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 City of Holden Police Department unceasingly provide this vital public service; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor of Holden, MO hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of Holden, MO and upon all patriotic and civic organizations to observe the week of May 12—May 18, 2024, as Police Week 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 communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security for all citizens;

FURTHERMORE, by the Mayor of the City of Holden, MO hereby proclaim and call upon all citizens of the City of Holden to recognize May 15, 2024, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the communities that they served.

SIGNED THIS 26th Day of April 2024

Ray Briscoe, Mayor, City of Holden, MO