



**State of Minnesota  
City of Oakdale  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week to pay special recognition to 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 (IACP) has declared police 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**, 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

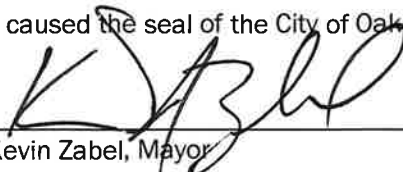
**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakdale commends the brave men and women of our law enforcement community for continually summoning the courage to fulfill their solemn oath to protect and serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakdale also takes pause to remember those men and women of our law enforcement community who have lost their lives or have suffered permanent disabilities defending their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakdale honors Burnsville Police Officers Matthew Ruge and Paul Elmstrand for their ultimate sacrifice given on February 18, 2024.

**THEREFORE**, I, Kevin Zabel, Mayor of Oakdale, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 11 - 17, 2025 as "National Police Week" to commemorate 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 doing so, have established for themselves an enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all of Oakdale's residents.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oakdale to be affixed on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

  
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Kevin Zabel, Mayor