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RESOLUTION NO. 240453

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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 righteousness; and

WHEREAS, each year, over 150 law enforcement officers lose their lives in the line of duty, and in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. President Bill Clinton directed that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15th 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, each year the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department dispatches a City- wide 10-42 Roll Call of all officers who gave their lives protecting and serving our City, which starts off the KCPD's Memorial Service; and

WHEREAS, during this National Police Week, KCPD Police Chief Stacy Graves went to Washington D.C. honoring Officer Muhlbauer and K9 Champ of the Kansas City Police Department , Officer Vasquez of the North Kansas City Police Department, and Officer Allen of the Independence Police Department. These three individuals put their lives on the line to fight for the safety of our community, and their legacy will

forever live on. 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 13-17, 2024, 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, Chief Kevin Freeman of the North Kansas City Police Department, and Chief Adam Dustman of Independence Police Department, and Dawn Cramer of the KCPD Board of Commissioners with the thanks of the Mayor, Council, and citizens for the dedication and service that law enforcement gives our community.
