



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Roger D. Pohlman, Chief of Police

Agenda Item No.: **9B** Approval of Resolution 6873, in Support of Law Enforcement

Meeting Date: September 28, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Resolution 6873, in support of Law Enforcement.

ATTACHMENTS: - Attachment #1, Resolution #6873.

BACKGROUND: The United States has seen an increase of hostility toward law enforcement over the past two years. Law Enforcement fatalities from January 1 to September 23, 2015 have risen to 96 compared to 83 for the same time period in 2014.

DISCUSSION: National Fraternal Order of Police President Chuck Canterbury, based on a request from the City Manager of Durham, North Carolina, is requesting that local and state governments provide support for law enforcement by passing a resolution. At a time when law enforcement is the target of criticism and violent attacks, these resolutions will demonstrate to our law enforcement men and woman that they do not stand alone and their dedication to their community is appreciated.

FUNDING SOURCE(S): N/A.

ALTERNATIVES: Reject the Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Resolution 6873, in support of Law Enforcement.

Resolution No. 6873

A Resolution in Support of Law Enforcement

Whereas: The men and women of our nation's law enforcement agencies wear their uniforms with honor, dedication, and integrity as they protect and serve their communities; and

Whereas: These uniforms have made them targets by those who seek to kill or injure law enforcement officers simply because of their profession and commitment to duty; and

Whereas: The national law enforcement family mourns the recent loss of Harris County (TX) Sheriff Darren Goforth, Fox Lake (IL) Police Department Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz, Kentucky State Police Trooper Joseph Cameron Ponder, and McHenry County (IL) Sheriff's Deputy Dwight Darwin Maness; and

Whereas: The citizens of Red Wing stand with the families of the fallen, and the officers currently protecting our community and the officers throughout the United States; and

Whereas: To honor the twenty-eight officers lost this year as they protected their communities they were sworn to uphold, we ask every officer of the Red Wing Police Department who stands behind the thin blue line to turn on their red and blue lights for 1 minute every day at 11:00 A.M.; and

Whereas: The City of Red Wing agrees with National Fraternal Order of Police President Chuck Canterbury who has called on the Administration to acknowledge this crisis and asked them to work with us to address the violent surge against police. To expand the Federal hate crimes law to protect police, to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program and to fully fund the State and local law enforcement assistance programs that provide our men and women in the field with the resources and equipment they need to do their jobs and get home to their families at the end of their shift.

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Red Wing stands together with the Red Wing Police Department and officers nationwide. Together we are united. "Fortes in Unitate"- "Strength in Unity"

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2015.

Dean Hove, Council President

ATTEST:

Kathy Seymour Johnson, MCMC
City Clerk

(seal)

Presented to the Mayor at _____ p.m. on this _____ day of September, 2015.

Approved this _____ day of September, 2015.

Daniel D. Bender, Mayor