PROCLAMATION

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, the year of 2020 has been an unprecedented year. Worldwide pandemic due to coronavirus and racial inequities in the United States have been at the forefront of our society. It is clear, public service is more vital than ever and our Stoughton Community strives to celebrate and honor all that work for goodness, safety and justice.

WHEREAS, January 9th of every year is recognized as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD), we recognize this day in honor and memory of all of officers and staff that serve our Stoughton Community.

WHEREAS, there are nearly 900,000 police officers across the US who dedicate themselves to serving to protect, they face extremely dangerous situations. They play an integral part in our society, they are guardians of our way of life and deserve our support.

WHEREAS, Stoughton strives to be a safe, vibrant community, our Police Department practices true community policing efforts in a fair, conscientious and professional manner. Among their policing values are the following:

- Maintain service as our primary goal, while vigorously pursuing those who commit crimes
- Strive to maintain the highest levels of integrity and professionalism in all our members and activities
- Involve the community in all policing activities that directly affect the quality of community life
- Remain committed to a shared and open relationship of involvement with all segments of our community

WHEREAS, the City of Stoughton recognizes the many strains being placed on our Police Department, we acknowledge the continued dedication of the Police Department in protecting our citizens' property and lives.

We further call upon all members of our community to take time not only on January 9th but throughout all the year to show their support of law enforcement; consider personally thanking them or write a letter or card. And on this day especially thank them, wear blue or change out your porchlight to a blue bulb.

THEREFORE, let it be known that the City of Stoughton proclaims January 9th as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Dated this 22nd day of December 2020.

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Tim Swadley, Mayor
City of Stoughton