



Resolution 16-09

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ELSMERE BUREAU OF POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS NATIONWIDE

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

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving communities across the nation including the men and women of the Elsmere Bureau of Police; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded line of duty death occurred in 1791, more than 20,000 officers have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the communities which they swore to protect; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2016, 252 new names of these fallen heroes and dedicated public servants were engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the uniforms which were worn and earned with hard work, commitment and pride by these officers, have in recent times become targets by those who seek to kill or injure law enforcement officers simply because of their profession and their commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council stand with the families of the fallen, and the officers currently protecting our community and the officers throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, we the Mayor and Council support the men and women of the Elsmere Bureau of Police who stand every day as our guardians of peace and order, ready to protect our homes and businesses, the weak and oppressed and our very freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Elsmere; that

1. That the Mayor and Council publically acknowledge their support for the commitment and sacrifice made by each and every member of the Elsmere Bureau of Police and Law Enforcement Officers nationwide.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to our congressional delegation calling upon them as well as the Executive Branch of the Federal Government in order to let them know that we support the National Fraternal Order of Police who has called for them to;

- a. Acknowledge this crisis and asked them to work to address the violent surge against police.
 - b. To expand the Federal hate crimes law to protect police.
 - c. To reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and
 - d. 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.
3. That our residents be aware that we can grieve for every officer who's been lost in the line of duty and still be troubled by cases of police overreach since these two ideas are not mutually exclusive. It is possible for each of us to have great regard for law enforcement and still want them to be held to a higher standard, this is not a new concept to our officers who lived by it throughout their careers. But, the way to accomplish this is through communication and understanding, not violence.

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE ON THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST 2016.

Steve Burg
Mayor

Joann I. Personti
Secretary

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This Resolution supports the Elsmere Bureau of Police and Law Enforcement Officers nationwide.

Fiscal Impact

N/A