

**PROCLAMATION  
POLICE MEMORIAL DAY**

**WHEREAS**, The Congress of the United States has designated May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to be **Police Memorial Day**; and

**WHEREAS**, Our law enforcement officers are the guardians of life and property; defenders of the individual right to be free; warriors in the battle against crime; and are dedicated to the preservation of life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Our community desires to honor the valor, service, and dedication of its own police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Troy will **observe Police Memorial Day on Thursday, May 15, 2008** with a dedication ceremony in front of the Troy Police Department;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaims **May 15, 2008, as Police Memorial Day** in the City of Troy, and call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express appreciation to these men and women who are willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard us and our loved ones against all who would violate the law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we invite all citizens to reflect and remember three officers, **Charles Smetana, Martin Chivas, and Charles Mulvihill** who lost their lives in service to our community. These men will forever be remembered for their ultimate sacrifice.

Presented this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.