



PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming March 31, 2026, as David D. Wilske Day in the City of Hastings, MN

WHEREAS Hastings Police Chief David D. Wilske is one of 56 police chiefs to lead the Hastings Police Department during its 169-year history and will retire after 29 years as a police officer and nearly nine years with the City of Hastings, effective March 31, 2026, AND,

WHEREAS he served the City of Hastings with distinction, including five years as Deputy Chief and four years as Chief of Police, AND

WHEREAS he helped bolster public trust and revitalize critical departmental programs such as the Police Reserve Unit, AND

WHEREAS he served on local boards providing service and support for the Hastings Family Service and Special Olympics Minnesota, AND

WHEREAS he expanded collaboration with key community organizations such as the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Downtown Business Association, ISD 200 and private schools, YMCA, Ministerial Association, IDEA of Hastings, 360 Communities, Dakota County Social Services and law enforcement agencies in Dakota and Washington counties, AND

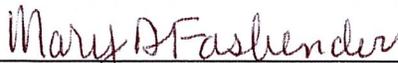
WHEREAS he strengthened school safety by increasing the presence of School Resource Officers in local schools, AND

WHEREAS he expanded department equipment by securing grant funding for a variety of critical resources, upgraded department facilities, AND

WHEREAS he enhanced the department's award-winning records division and assisted with launching a part-time embedded social worker position to better support community needs and mental health response, AND

WHEREAS, Chief Wilske served the City of Hastings with distinction, provided steady leadership for the department, boosted morale and engagement and strengthened partnerships and collaboration, AND

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Mary Fasbender and the City Council of the City of Hastings, do hereby declare March 31, 2026 as David D. Wilske Day in the City of Hastings, Minnesota.



Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor

