

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

Senator Barrett, Alexander, Ananich, Bizon, Bullock, Bumstead, Chang, Daley, Hollier, Horn, Johnson, LaSata, Lauwers, Lucido, MacDonald, MacGregor, McMorrow, Moss, Polehanki, Santana, VanderWall, Wojno and Zorn offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week.

2 Whereas, In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as
3 National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which
4 May 15th falls is National Police Week; and

5 Whereas, National Police Week, established by a joint
6 resolution of Congress in 1962, pays special recognition to those
7 law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of
8 duty for the safety and protection of others; and

9 Whereas, There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers

1 serving in communities across the United States, including more
2 than 22,000 full-time uniformed law enforcement officers in
3 Michigan, including corrections officers. These dedicated
4 individuals serve in more than 600 state, county, and local
5 departments and facilities; and

6 Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation
7 and respect of the people of Michigan for the merit, dignity,
8 bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day; and

9 Whereas, We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of
10 police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their
11 loved one works to protect us; and

12 Whereas, In 2018 alone, 163 law enforcement officers were
13 killed in the line of duty across the country. The names of these
14 dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National
15 Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

16 Whereas, There have been hundreds of incidents of assaults on
17 officers in corrections facilities across the state that have
18 resulted in serious injury for officers. Michigan's fallen officers
19 will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective
20 communities; and

21 Whereas, By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement,
22 these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly
23 put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing
24 service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and

25 Whereas, Michigan citizens have also turned to members of law
26 enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress,
27 whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling
28 through civil disorder or a natural disaster; and

29 Whereas, Our communities rely on these courageous individuals

1 when it is difficult to stand on their own and we are indebted to
2 the unwavering public service of our local and state police and our
3 corrections officers. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the
4 contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this
5 state; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
7 body recognize May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week; and be it further

8 Resolved, That we publicly salute the service of law
9 enforcement officers in our state and nation and honor those who
10 place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their
11 communities.