

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

Senator Barrett 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  
10 serving in communities across the United States, including more  
11 than 22,000 full-time uniformed law enforcement officers in  
12 Michigan, including corrections officers. These dedicated

1 individuals serve in more than 600 state, county, and local  
2 departments and facilities; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

26       Whereas, Our communities rely on these courageous individuals  
27 when it is difficult to stand on their own and we are indebted to  
28 the unwavering public service of our local and state police and our  
29 corrections officers. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the

1 contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this  
2 state; now, therefore, be it

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

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