MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 141

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A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE MAY 15-21, 2022, AS POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, while the calendar week in which May 15th falls is also known as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week was established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, paying special recognition to those law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty or for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Members of law enforcement warrant the attentiveness of Michigan residents for the sacrifice, bravery, and soundness they provide and exhibit every day. We must also honor the obligations that the families of those who serve every day face as their loved ones work to safeguard citizens; and

WHEREAS, So far in 2022, 92 law enforcement officers have been killed and many more were assaulted in the line of duty across the country. The names of these dedicated civil servants who sacrificed their lives are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and the Michigan Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten, or will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to serve as law enforcement officers, these courageous individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy to protect; and

WHEREAS, We applaud them for recognizing service as their honorable career, securing the public safety, and commend those who serve without incident to date; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has turned to law enforcement and various members therein for assistance and support in times of trouble, whether they are maneuvering through psychological trauma, grappling through a civil dispute, or even a natural disaster. Our shared communities depend on these noble individuals when it is difficult to fend for ourselves, and we are indebted to the unfaltering dedication that our local and state law enforcement officers provide; and

WHEREAS, While we diligently seek to revolutionize and consummate the procedures and operations of law enforcement, we are thankful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body commemorate May 15-21, 2022, as Police Week. We openly salute the law enforcement officers in our communities, in addition to those in our state and country, and honor police who sacrifice their lives for the safety and security of all.

Adopted by the Senate, May 18, 2022.

Secretary of the Senate