

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.141

Senators LaSata, Johnson, Huizenga, Lauwers, Wozniak, Bumstead, Bizon, Zorn, Bayer, Horn, Outman, Daley, VanderWall, MacDonald, Theis, Barrett, Victory, Shirkey, McBroom, Runestad, Wojno, Nesbitt and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate May 15-21, 2022, as Police Week.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 Whereas, Michigan has turned to law enforcement and various
25 members therein for assistance and support in times of trouble,
26 whether they are maneuvering through psychological trauma,
27 grappling through a civil dispute, or even a natural disaster. Our
28 shared communities depend on these noble individuals when it is
29 difficult to fend for ourselves, and we are indebted to the

1 unfaltering dedication that our local and state law enforcement
2 officers provide; and

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

7 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
8 body commemorate May 15-21, 2022, as Police Week. We openly salute
9 the law enforcement officers in our communities, in addition to
10 those in our state and country, and honor police who sacrifice
11 their lives for the safety and security of all.