

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

Senators Huizenga, Theis, Lauwers, Webber, McBroom, Hauck, Victory, Hoitenga, Johnson, Runestad and Nesbitt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate May 11-17, 2025, 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

10 Whereas, There are more than 700,000 law enforcement officers
11 serving in communities across the United States, including the
12 approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in

1 Michigan; and

2 Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation
3 and respect of our citizens for the merit, dignity, bravery, and
4 reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the
5 sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they
6 must face constant concern as their loved ones work to protect us;
7 and

8 Whereas, In 2024, 145 law enforcement officers were killed and
9 many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. This
10 includes five Michiganders: Motor Carrier Officer Daniel Kerstetter
11 from the Michigan State Police, Corporal Mohamed Said from the
12 Melvindale Police Department, Deputy William Butler, Jr. from the
13 Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Bradley Reckling from the
14 Oakland County Sheriff's Office, and Trooper Joel Popp from the
15 Michigan State Police; and

16 Whereas, The names of the dedicated public servants who made
17 the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National
18 Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

19 Whereas, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten,
20 nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing
21 to serve as law enforcement officers, these courageous individuals
22 answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in
23 jeopardy to protect; and

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

27 Whereas, Michigan citizens have turned to members of law
28 enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress,
29 whether they are coping with a personal crisis, bearing the strains

1 of a pandemic, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural
2 disaster; and

3 Whereas, Our communities rely on these courageous individuals
4 when it is difficult to stand on our own. We are indebted to the
5 unwavering public service of our local and state police and are
6 both fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law
7 enforcement officers to the people of Michigan; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
10 body commemorate May 11-17, 2025, as Police Week. We openly salute
11 the law enforcement officers in our communities, in addition to
12 those in our state and country, and honor police who sacrifice
13 their lives for the safety and security of all.