

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95

Reps. LaFave, Markkanen, Green, Wakeman, Lightner, Berman, Slagh, VanWoerkom, Crawford, O'Malley, Allor, Rendon, Webber, Reilly, Meerman, Miller, LaGrand, Tyrone Carter, Koleszar, Stone, Shannon, Tate, Pagan, Brenda Carter, Witwer, Manoogian, Brixie, Haadsma, Kuppa, Wittenberg, Cynthia Johnson, Gay-Dagnogo, Cambensy, Camilleri, Jones, Whitsett, Byrd, Ellison, Chirkun, Hood, Vaupel, Brann, Calley, Cherry, Garza, Hall, Kahle, Lasinski, Leutheuser, Sabo, Sneller, Warren and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week in the
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May
4 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week
5 in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a
6 joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays



1 special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost
2 their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of
3 others; and

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

8 Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation
9 and respect of the people of Michigan for the merit, dignity,
10 bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must
11 also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as
12 each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to
13 protect us; and

14 Whereas, in 2018 alone, 163 law enforcement officers were
15 killed and many, many more were assaulted in the line of duty
16 across the country. The names of these dedicated public servants
17 who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the
18 National 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 commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals
22 answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in
23 jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble
24 career, protecting the public safety, and also all of those who are
25 serving without incident to date; and

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

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

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week in
8 the state of Michigan. We publicly salute the service of law
9 enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state
10 and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for
11 the safety and security of their communities.