

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

Senator Barrett offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to observe May 9-15, 2021, 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 known as National Police Week. Established by a
5 joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays
6 special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost
7 their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of
8 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 and
12 corrections officers in Michigan. These dedicated individuals serve

1 in more than 600 state, county, and local departments and
2 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. We must
6 also honor the sacrifices made by the families of police officers,
7 as each day they must face constant fear as their loved ones work
8 to protect us; and

9 Whereas, In 2020 alone, 264 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 also been hundreds of incidents of
14 assaults on officers in corrections facilities across the state
15 that have resulted in serious injury for officers; and

16 Whereas, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten,
17 nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing
18 to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals
19 answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in
20 jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble career
21 and for protecting the public safety; and

22 Whereas, Michigan citizens have 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. Our communities rely
26 on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on
27 our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of
28 our local and state police and corrections officers; and

29 Whereas, Indeed, we are very 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 observe May 9-15, 2021, 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 police who
7 place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their
8 communities.