

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 260

Rep. Schmaltz offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week in the  
2 state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as  
4 National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which  
5 May 15 falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint  
6 resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special  
7 recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their  
8 lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others;  
9 and

10 Whereas, There are more than 800,000 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. These dedicated individuals serve in more than six  
2 hundred state, county, and local departments; 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 families of police officers, as  
7 each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to  
8 protect us; and

9       Whereas, In 2023 alone, 136 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, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten,  
14 nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing  
15 to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals  
16 answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in  
17 jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble  
18 career, and protecting the public safety; and

19       Whereas, Michigan citizens have turned to members of law  
20 enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress,  
21 whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling  
22 through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely  
23 on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on  
24 our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of  
25 our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful  
26 for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of  
27 this state; now, therefore, be it

28       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
29 this legislative body declare May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week in

1 the state of Michigan. We publicly salute the service of law  
2 enforcement officers in our state and nation and honor police who  
3 place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their  
4 communities.