

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119

Senators Lauwers and Theis offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize May 12-18, 2024, 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 2023, 125 law enforcement officers were killed and
9 many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. The
10 names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate
11 sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement
12 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 serve as law enforcement officers, these courageous individuals
16 answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in
17 jeopardy to protect; and

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

21 Whereas, Michigan citizens have turned to members of law
22 enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress,
23 whether they are coping with a personal crisis, bearing the strains
24 of a pandemic, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural
25 disaster; and

26 Whereas, Our communities rely on these courageous individuals
27 when it is difficult to stand on our own. We are indebted to the
28 unwavering public service of our local and state police and are
29 both fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law

1 enforcement officers to the people of Michigan; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
4 body commemorate May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week. We openly salute
5 the law enforcement officers in our communities, in addition to
6 those in our state and country, and honor police who sacrifice
7 their lives for the safety and security of all.