

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.100

Reps. Beeler, Sabo, Damoose, Wakeman, Fink, Eisen, Bellino, Brann, Bezotte, Wozniak, Beson, Borton, Bollin, Martin, Clements, Posthumus, Roth, LaFave, Tyrone Carter, Hall, Mueller, Lightner, Meerman, Outman, Hoitenga, Griffin, Rendon, Hauck, Filler, Paquette, Green, Tisdell, Maddock, Allor, Breen, Calley, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Cynthia Johnson, Koleszar, Slagh, Sneller, Steenland, Thanedar, Whitsett and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare May 9-15, 2021, 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 15 falls as National Police Week. Established by a
6 joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays
7 special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost

1 their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of
2 others; and

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

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

13 Whereas, In 2020 alone, 264 law enforcement officers were
14 killed and many, many more were assaulted in the line of duty
15 across the country. The names of these dedicated public servants
16 who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the
17 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

18 Whereas, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten,
19 nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing
20 to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals
21 answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in
22 jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble
23 career, protecting the public safety, and also commend all of those
24 who are serving without incident to date; and

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

1 difficult to stand on our own and we are indebted to the unwavering
2 public service of our local and state police. While we diligently
3 seek to improve and perfect the operations and procedures of law
4 enforcement, we realize that we are indeed fortunate and are
5 grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the
6 people of this state; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body declare May 9-15, 2021, as Police Week in the
9 state of Michigan. We publicly salute the service of law
10 enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state
11 and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for
12 the safety and security of their communities.