

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43

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A RESOLUTION

To recognize Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the brave men and women of our law enforcement community for continually summoning the courage to fulfill their solemn oath to protect and serve; and

WHEREAS, we pause to remember all those who have lost their lives and who have suffered permanent disabilities defending their communities and the rule of law, including the heroes we have lost this year to the coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, throughout our state's and nation's history, law enforcement officials have never wavered in the face of crisis or tragedy as during uncertain times, law enforcement officers bravely face challenges and continue to protect the American people; and

WHEREAS, they steadfastly ensure the safety of our communities, providing a much needed sense of security for our citizens, and our state and country is extremely grateful for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to ensuring our nation's federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers have the resources and support they need to perform their duties safely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, we must continue working toward a time when all people respect and understand the important work that law enforcement officers do, unfortunately, our law enforcement officers do not always receive the respect they deserve, as these brave men and women operate in an environment where their moral and legal authority is constantly being scrutinized, and they undertake the critical, yet difficult, task of addressing the actions of those affected by addiction, homelessness, and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, their ability to work well in the face of these and other challenges is extraordinary and we have incredible appreciation for their public service and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the state and nation, we proudly recognize the more than 900,000 sworn members of law enforcement for their resolve and dedication in the face of dangerous uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the thoughts and prayers of our state and nation are with them and their families, and we will always owe them our appreciation and support; and

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962, as amended (Public Law 87-726, 76 Stat. 676), and by Section 1 of Public Law 105-225 (36 U.S.C. 136-137), the president of the United States has been authorized and requested to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week in which it falls as "Police Week"; and

WHEREAS, the president has proclaimed May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10 through May 16, 2020, as Police Week.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 10 through May 16, 2020, as Police Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Louisiana's citizens are urged and requested to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE